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## The Journal of Charles Rawn

August 27, 1831, to March 27, 1832 (Book 2)

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### Introduction

For this master's thesis, I have used the second volume of Charles C. Rawn's more than thirty-volume journal to look at the patterns of his social life, his circle of male and female friends, his legal activities, and the range of his correspondence, as all those matters are revealed in his extremely consistent and regular journal entries. In tabulating the cycle of some of his activities, I used as a model the research by Michael Zuckerman on William Byrd's diary.<sup>1</sup>

In looking at the secret diary of William Byrd, Zuckerman used extensive tabulations of language and frequencies of behavior to analyze Byrd's relationships with his immediate family and those for whom he was responsible on his plantations. He examined a touchstone event--the death of Byrd's young son--and attempted to understand Byrd's apparent indifference to this event in terms of Byrd's perhaps broader view of "family." In this examination of only one of Rawn's many journals, I will use a similar method of tabulation in an effort to understand his social patterns, legal activities, range of correspondence, and circle of friends. For some of the tabulations in this analysis, I will look at two different month-long samples, August 27 to September 27, 1831 and February 1 to March 1, 1832.

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<sup>1</sup> Michael Zuckerman, "William Byrd's Family," *Perspectives in American History*, ed. Donald Fleming, Volume XII (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1979), pp. 255-311.

The journal itself is a six and one-quarter inch by eight-inch notebook with a brown and beige marbled cover. Labeled on the brown leather spine with the number "2," the journal has hard-cardboard covers. On closer examination, one sees that someone has written "Charlie" on the back of the leather spine, 3/4 of the way from the top. As one goes to open the journal, one sees the name "Rawn" written five times in random spacing near the top of the cover. He was twenty-nine years old when he began this volume of his journal, which spans seven months from August 27, 1831 to March 27, 1832. His journal-keeping coincided roughly with the beginning of his career as a lawyer; his subsequent journals continued until the 1860s.

A sample page shows the consistent format of his daily entries: the month near the top of the page, followed by the day of the month and the day of the week underlined, beginning with Sunday as 1, Monday as 2 and so forth. Next is a comment--usually upbeat--about the weather and a brief entry about his daily activities and the people with whom he had contact. He was unfailingly regular in writing his entries and does not miss writing something for each day in the seven-month span of this early journal. Whether he wrote a few entries at the same time after missing a day or two can not be determined; he was, however, meticulous about writing something for each day.

When Rawn began this second journal he was a lawyer newly admitted to the bar. He was the son of David Rawn and Elizabeth Cheyney, and after his father's death when he was seven, the family moved to his mother's family farm in Thornbury, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. In the journal, we see extensive mention of his sister, Julia Ann Rawn, in the frequent correspondence he conducted with her; he wrote her twelve letters during the seven months of the journal, starting with September 16. While these letters often discussed the home news from Thornbury--she kept him informed of weddings, births and deaths--they also related to business. Julia Ann appeared to assume the role of

Charles' informal banker as she frequently sent him money from the sale of some of his land.<sup>2</sup>

Charles C. Rawn was educated at the West Chester Academy, and then came to Harrisburg in 1826 where he began the study of law with Francis R. Shunk, a relative who was later to become Governor of Pennsylvania.<sup>3</sup> Shunk's mother was a sister of Rawn's father. Several other members of the Shunk family figure prominently in Charles' daily life, as noted in his journal.

Rawn was admitted to the Dauphin County Bar on January 18, 1831, earlier in the year that this journal begins. He went on to a full life as a successful lawyer in Harrisburg, and was also active with the army board during the Civil War, before his death on December 18, 1865. According to Egle, "he was an earnest antagonist of human slavery, and during the days of the Fugitive Slave law was the eloquent pleader in behalf of the poor black."<sup>4</sup>

In describing Dauphin County Underground Railroad activity, Charles Blockson mentions Rawn's later link to the abolitionist movement: "Although black and white abolitionists worked together, there are no surviving records to indicate that blacks were members of the Harrisburg Anti-Slavery Society. Charles Rawn and Mordecai McKinney, two abolitionist attorneys, represented fugitive slaves in court."<sup>5</sup>

The M. McKinney first mentioned in Rawn's journal on October 14 is very likely Mordecai, since according to the 1839 Harrisburg Directory, he had a law office near the courthouse at the same time that Rawn had an office on the east side of Market Square.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Following the September 16 letter, Charles wrote his sister Julia Ann on September 22, September 30, October 5, October 20, November 2, November 28, December 1, January 3, January 20, February 20, and March 26.

<sup>3</sup> William Henry Egle, *History of the Counties of Dauphin and Lebanon in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Biological and Genealogical* (Philadelphia: Everts & Peck, 1883), 529.

<sup>4</sup> Egle, p. 529.

<sup>5</sup> Charles L. Blockson, *The Underground Railroad in Pennsylvania* (Jacksonville: Flame International, 1981), p. 77.

<sup>6</sup> P. Sturtevant, *The Harrisburg Directory and Stranger's Guide, with a sketch of the first settlement of Harrisburg* (Harrisburg: printed by the author, 1839), p. 25.

No glimpse of that later commitment to defend black fugitives appears in this early journal. There is only one mention of a person of color, on December 3, 1831, when he described a man who helps to break up coal and put it away.

Rawn, by any standards, was a social creature. Frequent mention is made of his circle of friends, both men and women, with whom he shared parties, walks, gig-riding, outings to the theater and the circus, and regular church attendance. One young woman in particular, Frances P. Clendenin, the daughter of Joseph Clendenin and Elizabeth Slough, first makes her appearance by name in his journal on Friday, September 9, 1831. Rawn subsequently mentioned her frequently, often identifying her simply as F.P.C. Frances later became his wife on May 25, 1833 and mother of their seven children.<sup>7</sup>

A twentieth-century sensibility might be tempted to look in this journal for a growing romance between Charles C. Rawn and Frances, but it is often difficult to find. He was surrounded by friends almost every night of the year; F.P.C. was only one of a number of women friends. (I noted only three nights of solitude in one August 27 to September 27, 1831, sample month of his nightly activities and only one in the second sample month of February 1 to March 1, 1832).

His journal entries are generally laconic and almost devoid of any discussion of feelings of any kind. We do see, however, what one might construe as the faint beginnings of a courtship: by the 31st of October, he was going to church regularly in her company. By the end of the journal, he planned to give her a book of poems and mentions another gift he gave her.<sup>8</sup>

His circle of friends was a wide one, and he mentioned other women friends as well, especially a number of young women he called "The P.O. Ladies." The Post Office on Market Square, presided over by James Peacock, the Postmaster, was apparently a

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<sup>7</sup> William Henry Egle, *Commemorative Biographical Encyclopedia of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania* (Chambersburg, PA: J. M. Runk and Co., 1896), p. 940.

<sup>8</sup> On February 21, 1832, on the eve of a "splendid ball," he presented her with a reticule, with no particulars, though if one were looking for signs of romance, one might be inclined to read into the gift of a small purse something special that she could carry at the ball.

lively gathering place most evenings for Rawn's group of young lawyers and businessmen, their sisters and women friends.<sup>9</sup> It is not clear if they actually gathered in the post office itself, in the Postmaster's quarters above or in nearby rooms.

Besides F.P. Clendenin, he also mentioned Miss Mary Scott Clendenin, Mrs. Clendenin, Miss Elizabeth Peacock, Elizabeth Wilson, M. Fahnestock, and Miss Gibson in his circle of women friends. Frequently in company with one or more of these women, he attended various churches, went sleigh-riding and dancing, and made social calls, which also included condolence calls or attending funerals. In no cases does he give the reader any clues about their personalities, their ages, or their fathers' occupations. All we know is that they shared a common interest with him in parties and church-going.

Besides James Peacock, at whose home he visited constantly, and Francis R. Shunk, with whom he studied law, the other men in his immediate circle of friends included A. Boyd Hamilton, J. Weidman, Dr. McKinney, S. Shock (sometimes spelled Shoch), George Ball, George W. Rawn, and James K. Findlay, some of whom are mentioned more than ten times during the course of the seven months of this journal.<sup>10</sup>

In addition to the social activities he shared with women and with his male friends, he engaged in sports such as walking, horse-back riding, pitching quoits (a game of aim involving throwing rings at a peg in the ground), pigeon-shooting, and marching with a military group, not to mention occasionally drinking some wine late into the evening.

Although he says nothing about his boarding house and where he sleeps at night (I found only one reference in the entire journal where he mentions he slept in his room: August 29), there is almost daily mention of going to the Peacocks, which he abbreviated as the P. O. (for Post Office, since Peacock was the Postmaster), or to Shunks, which one guesses was the Shunk family home. He was very involved in the Shunk family life, not only through his law studies, but also personally in social activities and at less felicitous

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<sup>9</sup> *Directory*, p. 22.

<sup>10</sup> The end of this essay has a listing of all the people mentioned in this section of the journal.

times when, for example, he helped Mrs. Shunk and some others sit up with a sick child (September 3, 1831).

In analyzing his daily social life for two different sample months of the journal, August 27 to September 27 and February 1 to March 1, 1831, one finds that during the first thirty-one day period, he visited the Peacocks during some part of an evening eighteen times, about every other day. He called on the Shunk family a little less often: thirteen times during that period. Also during this time frame, he went to church every Sunday, often in the evening and always with others, and he noted only three nights between August 27-September 27 when he seemed to be alone or at least did not mention going somewhere with someone.<sup>11</sup>

During the second sample month examined for this same sort of social patterning, February 1 to March 1, 1832, he again spent considerable time at the Peacocks: twenty times in thirty days. Again, he attended church each Sunday and mentioned visits to the Shunks on four of the thirty days. As an extension perhaps of the winter social season of parties and balls that began in January, he noted attending five other parties during this month, including the one on February 22. During this sample month, there was mention of only one night when he was alone in his office, March 13.<sup>12</sup>

In addition to his circle of friends, his journal introduced us to a number of well-known figures, notably Governor George Wolf, and, at a special party on Thursday, January 26, James Buchanan, Minister (Ambassador) to Russia. Judges and attorneys from other cities in Pennsylvania and from other states are also mentioned. Although he did not mention world events in his journal, one gathers from his social contacts that his range was not limited and reached well beyond the immediate Harrisburg area.

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<sup>11</sup> The three nights he was alone were August 29, August 31, and September 26.

<sup>12</sup> Parties in February included a sleighing party on February 3, a large party at Mrs. Haldeman's on February 15, another at Mrs. Leslie's on February 16, and another there on February 29, following the "splendid ball" at Matthew Wilson's hotel on February 22.

So too is his correspondence wide-ranging. An examination of the radius of his correspondence-- much of it in relation to his legal activities, but some of it personal, shows that he wrote to people in a diverse geographic area: frequently to Pennsylvania cities such as Thornbury, Philadelphia, Halifax, Westchester, Marietta, Lebanon, Carlisle, Manheim, Downingtown and Pittsburgh, but also to the City of Washington (not yet the District of Columbia); New York; Virginia; Princeton, N.J.; and New Orleans, Louisiana.

The frequency of letters to his sister Julia Ann Rawn has been noted. His next most frequent correspondence during this period was to Philadelphia: to merchants about cloth, bills, boots; to clients for whom he was doing business, such as Captain John Bloomfield; and to the publishers, Woodward and Spragg, from whom he ordered copies of the *Saturday Courier* for a number of colleagues in Harrisburg. References to Woodward and Spragg were made nine times in the seven-month period: Aug. 30, Sept. 22, Nov. 2, Nov. 17, Nov. 24, Dec. 7, Dec. 28, Jan. 10, and March 26. In each letter to the publishers, he sent for a copy of the *Saturday Courier* on behalf of someone in Harrisburg.<sup>13</sup>

As a new lawyer recently admitted to the bar, Rawn spent considerable time doing his work and writing about his legal activities in some detail in his journal. In analyzing the frequency of his journal entries that refer to the law, one notes that over the two-hundred and fourteen days of this journal, he wrote about some kind of legal activity on one-hundred and eight days or almost exactly 50% of his time.

His legal activity per week or month varied widely. From late August to late September he noted only two entries a week referring to legal work (9/31 days, or 29%).

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<sup>13</sup> Frank Luther Mott in his *A History of American Magazines, 1741-1850*, Volume I (Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 1966), p. 355, makes only a passing reference to the *Saturday Courier*. We get a somewhat clearer sense of this Philadelphia literary magazine from the book edited by John Grier Varner, *Edgar Allan Poe and the Philadelphia Saturday Courier* (Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia, 1933). In note one, iii, we learn that this weekly journal probably first appeared on April 2, 1831, and that it was published by Nelson Woodward and William Spragg. The journal held a contest that first year in which a "prize of one hundred dollars was to be given for the best American tale submitted."



From late September through late October, the activity increased to 16/31 mentions or 51.6% . From Oct. 28 - Nov. 27, it increased to 21/31 mentions (67.7%).

In early November, he mentioned doing legal work for ten straight days in a row, including one Sunday: Nov. 7-16 have daily entries about legal activity. Subsequent patterning is as follows:

Nov. 28- Dec. 27                      17/31 mentions, or 54.8%

Dec. 28- Jan. 27                      14/31 mentions, or 45.1%

As the regular term of court began in January, 1832 (he mentioned it on January 16) the record of his level of activity rose slightly again during the Jan. 28 to Feb. 27 time frame to 18/31 or 58.0% , with non-legal days being the exception for several weeks in early February.

Between Feb. 28 and March 27, he noted doing legal work on 13/31 days (41.9%), which may or may not have been affected by the fact that the Circuit Court "commenced," a fact he noted on February 27th. On March 14, he noted the adjournment of the Court of Common Pleas and the Orphan's Court.

He did land searches, drew up deeds, witnessed notes, wrote up powers of attorney, and was involved in arbitration, surveys and conveyances. He writes about a Scire Faccias (Nov. 8) and "applied a Praecipe for Foreyen attachment" (Dec. 5).<sup>14</sup>

In addition to his land use activities, he appeared in court and mentioned activities of the Orphan's Court (Sept. 12), the Court of Common Pleas (Oct. 17) and the Circuit Court (Nov. 21). He also mentioned defending a client in a robbery case and an Assault and Battery, so we know he argued in court during the course of this journal. For a more

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<sup>14</sup> According to *Webster's New International Dictionary*, Second Edition, Unabridged, Scire Faccias (Latin for "do you cause to know") is defined as a judicial writ founded upon some matter of record and requiring the party proceeded against to show cause why the record should not be enforced, annulled, or vacated; also the proceeding so instituted. Praecipe (Latin imperative of praecipere, to give rules or precepts) is any of various writs commanding a person to do something or to appear and show cause why he should not. Praecipe's definition comes from the *Oxford Dictionary of the English Language*.

detailed listing of the legal activities he mentions in his journal, see the end of this essay.

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Besides arguing cases in court, he also attended court as a spectator for the February 1832 trial of Judge Ross. He mentioned going to court daily from February 6 to 11 to watch this trial. As a lawyer and colleague, he would have a professional interest in the court proceedings; he may have had a more personal interest in the case as well since one of his circle of friends was a Miss Ross and another friend, Mr. Burnside, assisted in the trial.

Going to court and arguing in court defined Charles C. Rawn very much as a man and lawyer of his times. According to Lawrence Friedman, most lawyers of that time tried cases: "Courtroom advocacy, both East and West, was the main road to prestige, the main way to get recognized as a lawyer or a leader of the bar. It was surely the only way for a lawyer, as a lawyer, to become famous. . . . Eloquence in court gained attention, and attention gained clients." <sup>16</sup>

In addition to the necessity of trying cases in court, Rawn was also caught up in attending court as a spectator sport. Friedman writes: "In the days before radio and television, the public appreciated a good trial and a good courtroom speech. In the provinces, when the court arrived at the county seat, court day was an occasion; trials and courtroom business broke up the monotony of life." <sup>17</sup>

Rawn's legal education appears to have followed a fairly typical pattern of the day: he served a kind of apprenticeship by studying law under Francis Shunk before being admitted to the bar shortly before the beginning of this journal. (As noted right before the transcription of actual text, the first part of his journal included a long list of legal

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<sup>15</sup> According to his own descriptions in the journal, not surprisingly, much of his correspondence touch on legal matters. Although outside the range of this thesis, and examination of the content of Rawn's letter would be a valuable contribution to an understanding of his practice and his place in Harrisburg's legal society.

<sup>16</sup> Lawrence M. Friedman, *A History of American Law*, Second Edition (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1985), p. 312.

<sup>17</sup> Friedman, p. 312.

definitions, which might have served as a kind of ready-reference for his practice. See note 31 for listing). We do not, however, know much about the content of his studies, nor do we know if his training included a strong background in the classics, which would have been typical of lawyers in the earlier colonial period.

Robert A. Ferguson, in *Law and Letters in American Culture*, described this earlier classical training of lawyers as "part of a now-forgotten configuration of law and letters that dominated American literary aspirations from the Revolution until the fourth decade of the nineteenth century." He goes on to say that "half of the important critics of the day trained for law, and attorneys controlled many of the important journals. *Belles lettres* societies furnished the major basis of cultural concern for post-Revolutionary America; they depended heavily on the legal profession for their memberships. Lawyers also wrote many of the country's first important novels, plays, and poems."<sup>18</sup>

Ferguson traces a shift in the training and preparation of lawyers from a classical education, with its attendant literary traditions, to a more practical kind of technical expertise, which was occurring by the 1830s in response to a larger body of cases and greater specialization. "By 1850 the expansive post-Revolutionary lawyer, the courtroom orator who relied on general jurisprudence, belles-lettres, and the classics, was an anachronism."<sup>19</sup> Rawn, then, was on the cusp of change in legal education.

No mention of his legal training appears in his journal, nor do we have a sense of the kinds of things he liked to read beyond a few legal documents, and presumably, the *Saturday Couriers* he ordered for others. He does refer to borrowing books from the library of his mentor, Francis Shunk; on March 17, he borrows *The Bride of Lammermoor* by Sir Walter Scot and *The Pirate*. On another occasion, he got a copy of *The Poetical Works of Walter Scott* to give to his future wife.

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<sup>18</sup> Robert A. Ferguson, *Law and Letters in American Culture* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1984), p. 5.

<sup>19</sup> Ferguson, pp. 200-201.

One does sense the great importance he attached to his law books, however, when he wrote in his journal for February 15, 1832 that " Mr.Sprigman is Labelling with my name my Law Books today."

Whether as a classicist or as a man of more pedestrian tastes, we do know that Rawn was quite fond of attending the theater, as noted in frequent attendance at plays in late August and September (August 29, and September 2, 3, 5 and 7). In some ways, he fits a description that Samuel Haber gives in his book *The Quest for Authority and Honor in the American Professions, 1750-1900*:

While the workday world of growing numbers of Americans was becoming increasingly subjected to discipline and restriction, the lawyer's employment remained a happy mixture of work and play, with ample scope for wit, whim, gaudy melodrama, and entertainments. It also afforded a rough-and -tumble camaraderie at the bar that many found so appealing, and which later would be commemorated in the histories of bench and bar of so many diverse cities, counties and states." <sup>20</sup>

In his journal, we see a young man of spirit and enterprise beginning his law practice, and behaving rather typically for someone of his background and training. While fun-loving, he was also committed to the law, and he fits the first part of a description that Max Bloomfield gives of a 1830s fictional lawyer:

He sets out in the most methodical way to impress the public with his usefulness, employing all of the preferred strategies for self-advancement to be found in the law magazines of the 1830s. Even before his admission to the bar he regularly attends political and cultural gatherings, delivers addresses before the literary societies of the city, and writes a series of articles on politics for the newspapers. <sup>21</sup>

Rawn can also be viewed as fairly typical in the kinds of law he practiced during the scope of this journal. As noted at the end of this essay, his practice was wide-ranging and not limited to just one kind of law: he searched out deeds, he drew up powers of

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<sup>20</sup> Samuel Haber, "The Egalitarian Interrugnum, 1830-1880," *The Quest for Authority and Honor in the American Professions, 1750-1900* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1991), p. 112.

<sup>21</sup> Maxwell Bloomfield, *American Lawyers in a Changing Society, 1776-1876* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1976), p. 178.

attorney as well as defending a client on assault and battery charges. His practice touched on personal business as well as on politics. Samuel Haber describes the period from 1830-1880 as a time when lawyers as a profession prospered in this same variety of tasks:

The American lawyer combined the barrister's work of public argument with the country attorney's employments touching ownership and transfer of ownership. Moreover, the sporadic and migratory nature of his work as well as his forensic skills fitted him for the embroilments of the legislature and stump-speaking politics. In addition his conveyancing skills gave him entry into the world of business. He was present at the birth, crisis, and death of most business enterprises, and he was on tap for their day-to-day operations. If this commercial work rarely led to fame, it sometimes led to fortune. The lawyer in this era, therefore, was often an accessory and even a principal in politics and business, and he could assume the democratic and capitalistic authority and honor of public office and wealth.<sup>22</sup>

Wealth, however, may have been a good way off for Charles C. Rawn. During the course of this early journal, he kept track of what he was paid for some of his services. While the journal does not afford a comprehensive view of his income and how to translate it into a measure of his life style, he noted the following receipts:

*letter to Washington [much legal activity was by letter]	
[May 23]	12 1/2 cents
*search at the land office [June 7]	2.50 dollars
*received for professional services [Sept. 8]	2.50
*pay for his services [Oct. 14]	3.00
*recording power of attorney [Oct. 22]	1.62
*paid for two drafts of surveys of land [date?]	1.00
*received from Jones for profess. services	3.00
[Dec. 21]	
*received on executing a conveyance [Dec.31]	10.00

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<sup>22</sup> Haber, pp. 109-110.

Although we do not know from him what many things cost in 1831, his journal gives us glimpses of a few everyday costs: In May he paid Mrs. Cuvzons 5 cents for five pieces of washing, 6 cents for six, etc. so a penny an item. Besides the 12.5 cents he paid for postage, we know he paid \$1.00 for two theater box tickets (August 29) and paid A.J. Jones, merchant of Harrisburg \$2.25 for two shirt "bosoms" (September 13), and that he bought a pair of gloves for 75 cents (October 26). For \$6.00, he engaged Mr. Resch on September 27 to teach him German one hour per day for seventy-two days.

How his legal income compared to other lawyers of the time, however, is difficult to say. In her book *The Country Lawyer in New England 1790-1840*, Catherine Fennelly talks about a lawyer's income as ranging from \$200.00 to \$950.00 per year. The man she describes, John McClellan, a country lawyer and part-time farmer, derived only part of his income from the law, and his charges varied according to the length and complexity of the work he was doing. She quotes the following fees: " between sixty-seven cents and \$1.39 for writing a deed, \$1.00 for drawing up an agreement, fifty cents to \$2.00 for a will, \$1.00 for advice about a dispute." <sup>23</sup>

Again, in the variety of his legal activities, Rawn seems fairly typical of his colleagues of the time, and while he enjoyed an easy camaraderie with his fellow lawyers, he practiced law as an individual, which was the trend, according to Daniel H. Calhoun in *Professional Lives in America*. After about 1850, more lawyers formed partnerships and practiced in firms, "through which they could handle varied business more efficiently, and through which they did in fact increase considerably the degree of concentration." <sup>24</sup>

Typical as well was his notice in a local paper, advertising his services: An ad in the *Pennsylvania Reporter* for September 2, 1831 announced the location of his law office and that he did "agency business generally, (consistent with his profession,) and in

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<sup>23</sup> Catherine Fennelly, *The Country Lawyer in New England, 1790-1840* (Sturbridge, MA: Old Sturbridge Village Booklet Series, 1968), pp. 42-43.

<sup>24</sup> Daniel H. Calhoun, "Branding Iron and Retrospect," in *Professional Lives in America; Structure and Aspiration, 1750-1850* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1965), p. 78.

the Land Office particularly...."<sup>25</sup> Here is an example of the beginning of specialization that according to Calhoun became the more common practice after 1819.<sup>26</sup>

While Rawn in this early journal may not yet be in Haber's phrase "a principal in politics," closely aligned with his legal activities noted in the journal were a number of political activities that he described. In late August, 1831, he noted the meeting to elect delegates; he was chosen secretary to the Convention. In September, he mentioned a meeting of General and State Administration men. On Oct. 4, he attended a Committee meeting of the North Ward of which "J.O. Burnside was chair and myself Secretary."

On several occasions, he noted a meeting of the Committee of Vigilance (more completely described on Oct. 8 as the Democratic General Committee of Vigilance), usually at Wallace's Hotel. On Oct. 10, he attended a "very large Jackson Committee meeting" at Nagle's where a resolution was offered that two attorneys should be appointed to attend to disputed votes. The next day he heard a contest between the "Anti-Masons and the Democrats and Wolf Republicans." Not until March was there another reference to a political activity, the election for Burgess Council on March 16.

His activity with a military parade group, the Harrisburg Greys, combined sport and politics. He seemed more proud of his uniform (and what he paid for the various parts of it), of the drills and of the parades involving this group than of his successes in court, and he mentioned the group on seven occasions.<sup>27</sup>

Like most journal writers, Rawn does not mention a great many of the ordinary, commonplace details of everyday life. He does not mention food at all or where or when he takes his regular meals or much about his sleeping habits or companions in bed, if he

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<sup>25</sup> Notice of his legal practice appeared in the September 2, 1831 edition of the *Pennsylvania Reporter*.

<sup>26</sup> Calhoun, p. 82.

<sup>27</sup> His first mention of the group was on November 12, 1831, when he became a member and was elected second lieutenant in the group. Subsequent mentions of his activity with the group are on December 27 (drill), December 31 (parade), January 28, 1832 (parade), February 22 (target firing and a procession), March 3 (meeting of officers), and March 24 (parade of three companies).

had them. Only a few times does he mention any personal illness--colds or having to take "anti-bilious pills."

Rarely does his writing give any hints of humor or of his feelings about events or people. Only once does he appear to make any sort of joke or show any amusement: On December 7, after being at the Peacocks, he leaves before nine o'clock "to give the ladies an opportunity of unrestrainedly enjoying their own talk [ his underlining], which there seemed good reason to presume was not calculated for the ears of gentlemen---."

One gets the sense of two very separate spheres for men and women of that era. Certain activities were in the company of women--dancing, sleigh-riding, going to church--while other activities were strictly for men: drinking beer, hiking and hunting, or talking late into the night.

Only fleetingly do we have a sense that he may have a growing friendship with one of the young women of his circle. On February 3, he mentioned having "a most pleasing sleigh ride," which by his use of an adjective was an exception to his usual reportage and might mean it was an evening of some significance to him, as we realize it was: his future wife was among the party of sleigh-riders on that occasion.

Mary-Jo Kline in her *Guide to Documentary Editing* entreats editors to make emendations that "will least distort" the source, a goal to which I aspired.<sup>28</sup> In transcribing this hand-written journal, I made every effort to decipher all Charles Rawn's words, to duplicate his spelling and punctuation, and to provide as clear a transcription as possible. As noted earlier, his dating system was to begin a journal entry with the day of the month and the day of the week by number--Sunday was day 1, Monday, day 2, etc. He would often write out the month and the day at the top of the page if a break in the journal entry came at the end of the previous page, but for the most part, the daily entries

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<sup>28</sup> Mary-Jo Kline, *A Guide to Documentary Editing* (Baltimore and London: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1987), p. 90.



were denoted by an underlined date: 28 1, for example. For ease in reading, I have chosen to eliminate some of the references to dates that occur in the middle of the typed transcription (the word "continued" specifically) to maintain the flow of the text. I have also chosen to type the entries for each day in block form, rather than duplicating the exact number of words he used in each line, or his end of line hyphenation.

Rawn used underlining frequently; counter to some editorial procedure, I included them because they give a sense of the emphasis he placed on the underlined names or events. When they were done, whether at the time of the writing of each daily entry or afterward, is difficult to determine, but judging by the thickness of some of the lines, the underlining was probably not done as the words were being written.

For the most part, Rawn's handwriting was not too difficult to decipher. For those parts I could not make out, brackets are used to indicate omitted letters or words or confusing or illegible phrases.

## **The Journal**

Daily Memorandum<sup>29</sup>

August the 27th Continued from of this description ending with August 26, 1831

1831

augst--27 - 7 Clear and Pleasant, I wrote a Power of Attorney for Jos. Jefferson

I sent for his Daughter Mrs. Elizabeth Chapman to do business for him in Phila. I was at a meeting to Elect delegates this evening at the house of Mr. Kelker and was chosen Secretary // after which I was at Gov. Wolfs, Mrs. Murray's [?] Mysis Ross and in company with Hamilton Alrick, Esqr.

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<sup>29</sup> At the beginning of the journal was a list of legal definitions, including the following: Treason, Homicide of various kinds (Excusable, Felonious), Mayhem, Assault, Battery, False Imprisonment, Rape, A forcible or fraudulent Procurement of Marriage, Polygamy or Bigamy, Sodomy, Burglary, Larceny and Robbery, Piracy, Cheats and Larcenies, Forgery, False Impersonating, and Arson.

\_ and afterwards I was at Mrs.[?ink smudge] Peacocks

28.1 Clear and pleasant, I was at a meeting last night to Elect delegates to the convention on Monday Next and appointed Sec // I was at the New Baptist Church this evening and heard Mr. Dugg from Phila" preach, went home with the Mysis Clendenin's and staid all night at Mr. Shunks, he himself having gone to the West <sup>30</sup>

29.2. Clear and pleasant. I went round this morning before breakfast to notify the delegates of their appointment to the convention on this day.-----

[Mrs?] Geo. Geiger, Col. Thos Walker, Henry Chritzman and Henry Cungle, went to Theatre this evening in company with Mysis HClendenin & Mys E Peacock and Saml. Shock in company with Mys M.S. Clendenin. Play "Turn Out" or the "Mad Politician" concluded with the comedy called the "Blue Devils" Returned to P.O. having RC[received] Chas. Kelso Esqr into the company. Mr. Richards of Jefferson Company slept in my room last night M.J.J.Clendenen being at Shunks.

Paid for 2 Box tickets 1.00

30. 3 Clear and pleasant yesterday, Inc. A.Fisher Esqr. and Thos Wallace RC [received?] each 3 numbers of the "Saturday Courier" in pursuance of my letter for that purpose to the Gortons last week, I was at Peacock this evening til 1/2 past 9 oclock. I wrote to Chas. Brown of Phila to day, and also to Geo. W. Rawn and Woodward & Spragg to these last for a Copy of the "Saturday Courier" for Wm. McClure Esqr. and sent this and Geo W Rawns letter to the City by Mr. A. Jones merchant Paid Mr. A Jones my store Bill as per Receipt today \$3.30----

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<sup>30</sup> Rawn attended several local churches. He refers to the New Baptist Church (Front Street between Walnut and Locust, according to the *1839 Harrisburg Directory*), DeWitt's Church, the Presbyterian Church (at Second between Chestnut and Mulberry), and what he called Lockman's or Lochman's Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, presided over by Rev. Augustus H. Lochman.

31 4 Clear and Pleasant. I was at Shunks all night last night he being away. I got Four anti Bilious Pills of Dr. A.L. Dean and took them Felt middling unwell all day. Struck a Light in my office this evening by way of introduction to the Fall [?]Season.

Sept

1 5 Cloudy and Rain, I wrote to Dr. Jesse Hamer last night. Was at Peacocks this evening in company with Boyd Hamilton. Staid all night at Shunks. Mary Scott Clendenin was all night at Shunks.

2 6 Cloudy and Rain. Dr. Bullock called at my office short time this morning on his way through town. I was at the theatre this evening and there was performed "The Review" or "Wag of Windsor" concluding with the Farce of "Who's the Dupe." went alone and walked home with Elizabeth Wilson <sup>31</sup>

3 7 Clear and Warm. I recd. from the BookBinder's yesterday

Sep, 3rd 7 1831

cont d- Whartons Penn a [Pennsylvania] Digest Bound in 2 volumes by my direction Mr. Shegogg, Dr. McKinney and myself were at the theatre tonight in company with Mysen Clendenin and Mys Peacock. Mary Clendenin and myself staid all night at Shunks whose child is very sick.

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<sup>31</sup> Notice of these two plays appeared in the latter pages of the *Pennsylvania Reporter* for September 2, 1831.

4 1 Clear and Cloudy and pleasant. there was performed last night at the Theatre the "Budget of Blunders" after which was the comic magic Burlesque called "Bombastes Furioso." A.B. Hamilton and myself went to church this evening in company with the P.O. Ladies to Lockman's.

5 2 Clear Cloudy. I Paid Adam Orth [?] Esqr. this morning \$3 1/4 Borrowed of him last winter. Sleighing time at Capt. McAllisters, paid in full in my office this morning. I was at the theatre this evening in company with the Mysen Clendenins when was performed the comedy of the "Comet" after which the "Farce" of the "Pomp"--I staid all night at Shunk's.

6 3 Clear and pleasant I was at Shunks office this morning. Mr. Tho. Jones from Thornbury in Chester County called on me at Wallace's to day- I went with him to the Capitol and called on him and Bid him Good Bye also. Shocke's in the evening--Staid all night at Shunks--their youngest child not expected to live Mary Scott and H. Hanna sat up. I was up at 1 oclock eat something and went to bed again, walked home this evening with Mrs. Dr. Dean.

7 4 Clear and pleasant. I wrote

Sep. 7th 4 1731

cont d to J. R. Shunk last night at the request of Mrs. Shunk to "Blair's Gap" on account of the illness of the Baby and herself. // I wrote// to Saml. Johnson, Boat maker Phil a upon the subject of a pair of boats of bad materials

I was at the Theatre this evening by myself. When was performed the melodrama of the "Blind Boy" after which was the Farce of "My GrandMother" being the last night of the season.

8 5 Cloudy and Rain, Clear and Sultry. Jefferson and Comp. left town this morning at 1/2 past 10 o'clock. I recd from Mr. Jefferson \$2.50 for professional services rendered Saml Shock Esqr. and myself walked round with P.O. this evening. I met this evening with Dr. Jas. Aitkin [?] at Buehlers who came to town today on his way westward looking out for a place to settle. I was all night at Shunks. Myses Books and M. Scott Clendenin sat up with the baby.

9 6 Cloudy and clear, I recd from Phil a this morning per A.J. Jones Merchant 2 shirt-Bosoms from G.W. Rawn's wife. Shunk came home this evening. Mys Leach and FPC. Staid with child.

10 7 Clear and very warm. J.J. Clendenin, Mr. Wallace and myself went gunning after Pigeons today. I shot two all that we killed, walked perhaps 20 miles- Ret to town at 4 o'clock. P.M. I was at Peacocks in the evening and spent time at Shunks

Sep 11th Sunday 1831

11 1 Clear and pleasant--heavy thunder gust last night. I was engaged all day reading the "Life of La Fayette. Went to the Episcopal Church in the Evening with Mysis Clendenin and Jane Peacock.

12 2 Clear and Cool . "Orphans Court" today. Mr. Wolfersberger who owes me \$2. lent him some time since at Wallace and which he is not yet ready to pay. Was in the office today-I was at the P.O. this evening. Ham. Alricks, Esqr. was there also.

13 3 Clear and pleasant. I paid Mr. A.J. Jones (Merchant of Harrisburg) \$2.25 in full paid by him to Geo.W. Rawn. Phila. (a Bal. after \$1. previously pd. for 2 shirt bosoms) manufactured by his wife for me- making this cost \$3.25

[revelling?] in Market street this evening with Krause Esqr. and others. Maria Shunk daughter of Isaac of Phila came to J.R. Shunks this morning having come from Lancaster yesterday- I was at P.O. this evening when I fell in company and became acquainted with Mys Hicks from Carlisle. Shock Esqr. came in also and we spent a very agreeable evening.

14-4 Clear and Cool. I was at Shunks this morning. Paid Mrs. Cuvzons this morning as per Receipt in full of Washing account up to the 7th Sep. Exclusive." \$2.58. I was at P.O. this Evening and with the ladies in at Shunks.

15 5 Cloudy and Rain. Mys Mary Scott C. and myself were up at Deans shop last evening for medicine for Shunks child Mary S Clendenin and myself called on Mys Gleim from Pittsburg this morning.

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at her uncle's. I was out this morning to look for a girl for Shunks Spent the chief part of the afternoon at Shunks. Mys S. Halderman being there. S.Shock Esqr. and myself called on the two Mys Haldermans this Evening and Staid till 9 oclock. afterwards we spent an hour at the P.O. Mr. G.C. Ball, student at Law from Virginia came to town this evening.

16 6 Cloudy.Cool. and some Rain.. I wrote to Julia Ann Rawn and to postmasters at Downingtown and West Chester today. I was at the Post. O. this Evening and introduced to Mr. Ball of Virginia.

17 7 Clear and pleasant. I went gunning after Pigeons this morning with Francis Wyeth (Bookseller) at his particular request I shot 1 Squirrel 3 Pigeons and a dove and he shot nothing. I was at the P.O. this Evening.

18 1 Clear and Pleasant. or coolish Fire very pleasant yesterday and the day before. I dined and Supped to day in company with Mr. Ball of Virginia at the Peacock. Esqr (Postmaster) and in the evening went to Mr. Lockmans church in company with the Ladies--

19 2 Foggy in morn--clear I recd. letter from Postmaster at Downingtown. I recd. a letter from A Boyd Hamilton of Pittsburg Dated Sep 16, 1831 I was at Gov. Wolfs and Mrs. Leslies this Evening in Company with the P.O. Ladies and Mr. Geo C Ball.

20 3 Foggy til about 8 oclock. I was at the Court house this morning to see Mys Honeywell who without arms performs very ingeniously in cutting, writing and sewing. Was at the P.O. in the Evening.

21 4 Cloudy. Peacock and Daughter, M.Scott Clendenin and Geo C. Ball and myself and F. P. Clendenin went Gig riding to Duncant Island today. Returned in Evening. My E penser [?] <sup>32</sup>

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<sup>32</sup> Only this once does Rawn use a French word ("to think") in his journal entries. Whether the cryptic "My E" refers to Elizabeth or one of his other acquaintances is a mystery.

87 1/2 cts. spent this evening at Peacocks having gone there with Dr. McKinny. F.P.C. and myself were in at Shunks short time and we were also at Mrs. Espeys all of us.

22 5 Cloudy. I wrote to Mysers Woodward & Spragg of Phila. for 3 numbers of "Saturday Courier" one for Rudolph Williams (Apothecary) one for David Hare (grocer) both of Harrisburg and one copy for David W. Rawn, Del. Coy--I wrote to Julia Ann Rawn today. The P.O. Ladies, A.B. Hamilton, Ball and myself sent to the Mys Ross this Evening.

23 6 Rain I Wrote to Tho Wridman at Princeton College today. I Paid Hought and Musser as per Hought's Receipt, \$3.50 on acct of Cabinet work. I was at Shunks and Peacocks this evening.

24 7 Clear and Pleasant. Mr. Bradley Emmons, Son was at my office this morning. I wrote to "Newpt and Ellison S.E. Corner Market and 2nd Strts. Phila. for Stuff for Pants Mr. Ball, Peacock and family went to Carlisle today. I could not go I was at Alricks this Evening and closed it in company with Mrs Clendenin who was alone-

25 1 Cloudy and coolish- Jos. Clendenin

Sep 25 1 1831

25 1 Cont. Clendenin and three of his friends gone to Carlisle this morning. I was at Church this morning and spent the afternoon at Shunks. Evening at Peacock. Carriage (Peacocks) came from Carlisle today but Gig (Ball) [?]

26 2 Clear, Cloudy. Rain in afternoon. I spent this evening till 9 oclock in the office.



27 3 Cloudy, cool and Rain I rcd. a Triple letter this morning, Postman Red [or Recd] "Augusta" "Georgia" septr. 19th 1831 [illegible; smudged word] 75 cts. containing (enclosed in a sheet of FoolsCap writing paper) about the [crossed out] a Fragment (about 1/6) of a Newspaper which contained a piece of paper about sufficient to hold what was thereon written viz" If you pay "the postage on this you may have it" "Nea Burket" I returned it to the Post office without paying postage. I Began this morning to take lessons in German with Mr. Resch. 1 hour per each day at the Rate of \$6.00 per 72 days. or one Quarter. I was at Peacocks this Evening ABHamilton was there, and G.C. Ball after---

28 4 Clear and Cool. I rcd. a Letter this morning from Julia Ann Rawn dated "Sep 16 1831" which I am informed that Hugh Cheyney of Thornbury died or rather was buried on the day before to wit Sept 15th also that Mr. Hewes was buried within a mo. that is Sarah Hams brother, and also that the time fixed for the Sale of the old place is the 27th of Oct, Next

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28 4 Cont. also that Robert Pennell died on the 24rd of Sept. inst. Geo C. Ball was at the office this afternoon. We took a short walk. I was at a meeting of General and State Administration men this Evening at Kings- afterwards at Mrs. Leslies where Mr Ball and the P.O. Ladies were.

29 5 Clear and Pleasant a cool, Shunk and Ball were at the office this afternoon. Committee of Vigilance met this Evening at Wallace's also committee for the distribution of Tickets (viz (Shrom, Rodney & Rawn) after meeting adjourned I went to Shunks where Ball and the P.O Ladies were-

30 6 Clear and pleasant.... I wrote to Julia Ann Rawn today and officiated at the Inspections ----Election in the afternoon was at Shunks ----at P.O. in Evening.

Oct 1st 7 day. Clear and pleasant. I was at "Wirstlings foundry" this morning to look at stove, was at Peacocks this Evening.

2 1 Clear and Beautiful. I walked to Church this morning with Mrs Clendenin. Dined at Peacocks and Spent the Evening there after tea Bid Geo C Ball of Va. Good Bye at 9 p.m. and he starts for the to--[?]-at 2- A.M. following-

3 2 Clear, Foggy in morning I rcd a Letter this morning from John Wridman Dated "Lebanon October 2nd, 1831." Mr. Ball left town at 2. A.M. this morning I attended a meeting of Dem. Com. big for the borough this evening at Mrs. Friedleys, was at Peacocks afterwards

Oct 3 1831

4 3 Clear and some Fog in morning

I was pitching Quoits this afternoon. Attended a Committee meeting of the north ward of which J O Burnside was chairman and myself Secretary-I was at the P office this Evening. I rcd Letter from Julia Ann Rawn--- Dated "Thornbury Sep 30 1831."

5 4 Cloudy. Rain and Thunder last night from 8- oclock to10- J.J. A.R. Letter I am informed that mine of the 10 and 22 Sep. were rcd. on the 29th---I wrote to Juliann in Reply to hers of Sep. 30th., I wrote to Mr.Benjm. Libhart Marietta on business for Mr. John Resch spent ---Evening at Peacocks--

6 5 Clear and Cold-- I was looking for a Stove this morning Procured one from Thos. Wallace which I am to give not more than \$10. for or perhaps about 8 dollars. I was at the P.O. this evening-

7 6 Clear and Pleasant. Had my Stove brought into the office this morning and bespoke Pipe of Jacob Shrom which I am to have beginning of next week. I was Pitching Quoits this afternoon in court House yard. Attended a committe[sic] meeting at Wallace's tonight- Was at Peacocks a Short time.

8 7 Clear and Pleasant. I was at a meeting of the Democratic General Committe of Vigilance this Evening at Wallace's and afterwards at Peacocks and Shunks. Rec. a Letter "dated "Marietta Oct 1831 from Libhart

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in answer to one which I wrote to Benj. Libhart his Brother upon Business for Mr. Resch, German teacher.

9 1 Clear, after Heavy Rain last night. I spent this afternoon at Peacocks and took FPC at Shunks and after FC went to Baptist Meeting with Maria Shunk-- I wrote this afternoon. Present Mr. Resch to Jacob Libhart who answered by letter to his Brother.

10 2 Cloudy, cold, Windy, and Rain in evening. I rec. at the Stage office today a Bundle from Ellison Merchant Phila. containing 1 3/8 yds Blue Cloth to make me Blue Pantaloon amt of Bill to be paid in 90 day--\$8.12 1/2 the cloth being \$6.50 per yd. paid for carriage--25 cts. Was at ABHamilton's office today and filed notices to Committee for Borough to meet tonight. I wrote 2 Extracts in Mys McCullough's Album (of Chambersburg) today in Jas Burnside's office--I attended a very large Jackson Committee meeting this Evening at Nagles Resolution offered by A.B. Hamilton that

Two Attornies should be app: to attend to disputed votes tomorrow. Said Res. was supported by Burnside, Orth and Wood, and opposed by Franklin, Alricks, and Rawn in speeches and was Lost. I was at Peacocks after the meeting adjourned---

11 3 Rain, Cold, Windy, all day. Heard contest today between the Anti Masons and the Dem. 2 and Wolf Republicans--I was at Peacocks this afternoon and evening.

12 4 Clear and not so cool as yesterday- I was at Church and P.O. short time this Evening. I got a CoalBox from Shunks today-

13 5 Clear and Fine. I got my office table and Shunks box painted today. I wrote to Chas Brown, Esqr today of Phila. I Recd. a letter from Jacob Libhart upon Mr. Resch business today. I was at the Circus in the Court House yard tonight. They would not [illegible-take?]pay from me. AB Hamilton and myself were at Peacocks afterward.

14 6 Clear and very fine-- I wrote to Jacob Libhart this morning acknowledging the Receipt of Mr. Resch's clothes and my obligation to see the Said Resch shall pay to Mr Campel of Columbia on or before the 17th Dec. next 17 dollars for which payment the Said Libhart was Bail and was therefore detaining his Clothes, Mr. Resch is to pay me 3 dollars for my Services -- agreed this day in my office--

Circus company made application to me for advice in relation to the court House yd. from which they were directed to remove. they having rented from 2 of the Communities Sewing party this Evening at Peacocks at which I was present. Shock, McKinney, Buehler, Leslie Shunk were also present.

15 7 Clear and pleasant, Capt. Bloomfield a client from Phila. came to the office this morning. I was at the Circus this Evening and took B.Gibson Peacock. A.B.Hamilton was also in company and we went to Peacocks where we plaid til 10

16 1 Clear and Beautiful. I was at church this morning with the Ladies from P.O office. Dr. J. McKinney and myself took a ride yesterday afternoon 3 miles from town and fell in with Fox Hunters at Kahns Towers Took tea this evening at Peacocks and went to Lockmans Church with Mysen Clendenin, Cox & Peacock.

17 2 Clear and Beautiful. I was at the Land office this morning with Captn. Bloomfield Argument Court today in the Common Pleas. I was at the Circus short time this evening ---at Mrs. Hanna's then at Peacocks.

18 3 Clear and Beautiful, a little Rain about 4 oclock P.M. -- Mr. A.J.Jones, merchant of this town with whom J.J. Clendenin was married this morning at 7 oclock. I was at a small Party this Evening at Mrs. Leslies Went home with the P.Office Ladies-

19 4 Clear and Beautiful. I recd a letter from Julia Ann Rawn this morning Dated "Thornbury Oct 12,1831." Meeting in Court House this Evening to appoint delegates to the New York Tariff convention on the 26th inst.[?]-Jacob Holderman, Mr Cardon, & Walter Franklin Esq. were appointed. I was at Peacocks and Shunks after the meeting.

20 5 Clear and Beautiful, I wrote to Julia Ann Rawn today- She tells me in her letter of Oct 12th that they had recd. a number of the Saturday Courier: in persuance of my directions and that the first number they had was Sep. 24th 1831--Rec. of Mr Brown Proprietor of the Circus Company \$10 for Professional Service. I was at the Circus this evening and afterwards at Peacocks. . . . [his punctuation]

21 6 Clear and Beautiful. I rcd. Two Letters last Evening one from Libhart Marietta and the other from H.Steele at N V Ellison, Phila. I paid Wolferberger today for horse and [?] him in full as per his receipt. got new stove pipe from Thomas--I was at the Circus this Evening afterwards at Peacocks and walked home from there with Miss R. Wright--Took leave of John Joseph Clendenin who goes to Phila at 2 oclock in morning to commence his journey to New Orleans I parted with him in his chamber at Matthew Wilsons at 10 1/4 oclock P.M.

22 7 Foggy and Cloudy. I settled with Wm. LeBaron this morning and paid him (or his son Theodore) in full 85 cts. "Rec." of Wm. C. Berryhile [sp?] in advance for the "Saturday Courier" \$1.00. to be rec. by him next Saturday I was in company this evening with Dr.McKinney and Boyd Hamilton at Buehlers drinking wine, and afterwards at Fahnestocks and the P.Office-

23 1 Cloudy and some Rain, the Circus people went away last night from here to Lancaster, Last even. bought gloves 75 cts.

Oct. 23rd 1 day 1831

23 1 cont" I was at church twice at DeWitts today in the afternoon hearing Mr. Alexander the missionary who is to marry Mis McKinney ABHamilton and myself spent the evening at Peacocks---

24 2 Clear and pleasant. I was this afternoon and Evening at Mr. Jones/merchant drinking wine upon the occasion of his marriage J.K Findlay returned to town today F. Weidman came to town today. J. Weidman, ABHamilton and myself were at Peacocks this evening-----[his dashes]

25 3. Clear and pleasant.. I was at Judge McKinney's office this morning. . .This afternoon Dr. Mr McKinney Tho. Forster (Student at Law) and John Weidman and myself went to Middletown in a carriage and in the evening went to Peacocks.

26 4 Clear and Beautiful, Caravan of Animals came to Town this morning. Located in the Court House yard, Recd. of Capt John Bloomfield \$20. \$2.89 of which was for money advanced for him in Land Office and Recording and Postage, and the Balance is for my Services with the exception of what I am to spend in the land office this afternoon only. I was in company this afternoon with Caleb Brinton and his 2 Sisters from West Chester, I this day put my name (John King of this place having done so before me) that is put his name) on the back of a note drawn today in favor of Charles Carson by Capt. Tho Bloomfield on his order and payable at the Harrisburg Bank in Sixty days from this date

Oct 26th 4. 1831

26 4 cont. John King had written his name First at this own house by Capt. Bloomfields account and I wrote mine under his in Charles Carson's office---I was in to see the Caravan of animals this afternoon in company with Mr. and the Miss. Brintons. I spent the evening at Peacocks. Weidman and Shocke [?] there.

27 5 Rain. I was making an examination in the Law Office this morning with Capt. Bloomfield--I was at the Show this afternoon in company with J. Weidman and the O.Office Ladies--I was at a party this evening at Mr. Shunks and afterwards at Neantz[?] a drunken frolick with Weidman, Burnside—AB Hamilton----

28 6 Clear and Pleasant. Weidman and myself took a walk this morning. I wrote this evening to Mr. Joseph Clendenin by Buchanan, (blk) spent the Evening at Peacocks.

29 7 Clear and beautiful. I was on a Party of 5 Gigs this afternoon to Middletown. Took Ms F.P.C. We attended the Show in Middletown Spent the evening at Shunks and Peacocks.

30 1 Clear and Beautiful. I was at the Baptist Church this morning and evening in Company with F.P Clendenin. Weidman, AB Hamilton and myself spend the evening at Peacocks.

31 2 Cloudy and Rain--I was at Shegogs Room looking at the Paintings this afternoon with Weidman and the P.O. Ladies

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31 2 cont. I was inviting gentlemen this afternoon to Miss Brookes Party this evening in the evening attended Said party--and afterwards took a parting four Bottles of wine at Buehlers with Weidman and others----

November.

1 3 Cloudy and Some Rain--Isaac Shunk of Phila. was at my office this morning--spent 2 or 3 hour with me--I have a bad cold today. I wrote a note this evening to F.P.Clendenin and spend the evening in the office

2 4 Clear and Pleasant. I took a long walk this morning I rcd. a Letter from J.A.Rawn dated "Oct. 30, 1831" in which I am informed that my land was sold on the 27th Oct. last to Goldborough Warners Brother for 30 dollars per acre and that the old place did not sell



being bid up to only about \$26 per acre. in this letter I am also informed that Joseph Pratt (I presume the blacksmith at the shops) is married (I presume to Miss A.C.Hickman) also that Major Brinton is dead This day wrote to Woodward & S for Copies of Sat. Courier for W.C.Berryhile. I wrote to Julia Ann Rawn today. Also wrote in Said Letter an agreement for Saml. Warner to Sign. Uncle Saml. Rhawn was in my office this morning and wish my opinion in relation to a Power of Attorney gave it to him in writing. I was in at Shunks and at Peacocks tonight-----

3rd Nov. 5 1831

3 5 Clear and Beautiful. I Rec. this morning a Letter from John A Weidman dated "Lebanon Nov. 2nd 1831." Isaac Shunk was in my Office 2 or 3 hours this morning. I recd. in a letter yesterday from Julia Ann Rawn of Oct 30th 1831 - \$10 it being money paid by Saml. Warner on the purchase by him of my land. I wrote to John A Weidman today at Lebanon--I was at Peacocks this evening. Shock, H.Shicks and AB Hamilton were there also.

4 6 Cloudy. Volunteer Company from Elizabeth Town came here yesterday to [? -ran] their guns ---and left this morning for home- I was at Shunks a short time this morning-- Spent the evening at Peacocks.

5 7 Clear and Pleasant. I took a walk this morning after breakfast--also took a walk this evening was at P.O. short time this evening

6 1 Clear and Pleasant. I was at De Witts Church 3 times today and in evening at Peacocks--

7 2 Clear and Fine. I was at Mr. Landes' Room of paintings this morning with Mr Resch [?] I rec a Poetical letter from Tho. Weidman at Lebanon--I spent the evening in the office

8 3 Clear and Pleasant. I recd. this morning a letter and Power of Attorney from O.Berry of Phila. --I wrote to G.W.Rawn and Tho. K.Findlay, Esqr both of them in "Philadelphia," Isaac Shunk and daughter Maria left town

8th Nov. 3rd day 1831

8 3 Cont. left town this morning for their return to "Philadelphia"---I entered as attorney for Geo.Subrich this afternoon as dept. to a Scire Faccias. in which Geo Subrich is defendant [inked through] Plaintiff---I was at Shunks and also at Peacocks this evening--

9 4 Cloudy and Rain- I was Entered as Attorney for Mr. Geo Seinau on an Appeal by Danl. Wingert from the Judgment of Esqr. Holbrook[spelling?], I directed Peacepipe[?] to Tho Davies Esqr. to Issue Habias against Benjm. Evans Elk. in AdGe.[Adj.Gen?] Office. We met and I got payment[?] for \$28.18- stay Ex. 6 mo. J. K Findlay was at my office today--I was at Peacocks this evening--Sheegog, Boyd, McKinny and J.K Findlay were there [ this paragraph difficult to decipher; initials and abbreviations are in cramped handwriting....]

10 5 Cloudy and wet--I was all day and this evening in the office -----  
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11 6 Clear and Cloudy. I this morning Filed warrant of Attorney and Narr, in Geo at Lermanin [?] by Demuil Nensent{?sp?} was at Peacocks this Evening and walked home with Miss Meyers and Mrs. Espy Dr. J McKinney and myself were riding this afternoon--on horseback

12 7 Clear and Pleasant. Capt J.Bloomfield retnd [abbreviation for returned] to Harrisburg today. Was at office. I advertised in Chronicle 2 tracts of land to sell for him on 23rd [--?] I attended

Military Meeting this Evening at Mrs. Friedleys. I became a member of "The Harrisburg Greys" and was Elected 2nd Lieutenant thereof" Dr. McKinney and myself were afterwards at Peacocks

13 1 Clear and Pleasant. I was not at Church this morning

13th Nov. 1. 1831

13 1 cont.

I rec. a Letter yesterday from Geo W. Rawn Phila. I was at church this Evening with Miss F.P.Clendenen mother and sister---

14 2. Clear and Pleasant. I rec. a Letter from J.D. Pettit Esqr. West Chester. Dated Nov. 11, 1831. upon the subject of a Gig of Mrs. Gemmes [sp?] taken in Execution as the property of her son and sold on Sat. last for \$85- I called on Sheriff and Wrote to Pettit in reply. I was at Shunks Brook and Peacocks this Evening---

15 3 Clear and Pleasant. I wrote to J.D. Pettit Esq. again today, I bought Military Coat and [Frern?] today for \$7.50. I spent the Evening in office. Was introduced by Wallace to Judge Poster [?]

16 4 Clear and fine. I rec. a letter from Tho. A. Weidman "Nov. 12, 1831 Princeton." Dr. McKinney and myself crossed the Bridge this evening and walked home with Mrs. Peacocks and Mrs. Clendenen. I was in office till 1/2 past 8 and then at Peacocks.

17 5 Clear and Pleasant. I wrote today to Woodward & Spragg for "Sat. Courier" for Philip Cline, High Constable. I was this Evening at Shunks and Peacocks-----

18 6 Cloudy and Rain. Capt. J.K. Findley and Capt. Roberts were in the office this morning. I bought this morning of Major Forster, Esqr. former Captain of "Harrisburg Greys" his Sword, beltings& for \$18---- was at Peacock this evening-----

19 7 Cloudy in morn. Cleared off "Harrisburg Grey's and "Blues" took

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19 7 cont. --took up the line of march this morning at 7 3/4 o'clock for "Mechanicsburg" Arrived there at 1/2 past 9. Met 3 companies in the place and 1 from Carlisle, and ret. to Harrisburg at 6 o'clock in Evening--tired enough I was at Peacocks short time and walked home with Misses Berryhile and Graydon

20 1 Clear and fine--Ice this morning. I was at church (Miles) this evening with R.O. Sudhis [?] spent evening at Shunks and Peacock.

21 2 Clear and Large Frost-- Rain in afternoon and cont. at night storming--Court A.F. & Quar. St. commenced today JK Findlay Esqr. left Lancaster (crossed out) Harrisburg this morning for Lancaster his place of Location. left at 2- A.M.

22 3 Cloudy and Snowing a little Snow Fell in the last night and this morning at least 3 inches deep. I was engaged this evening to defend Charles Swagger on an indictment for an Asslt and Batt. intent to kill Geo Gates-

23 4 Clear and Cold. Snow remains on the grounds. Engaged today in Court defending Char. Swagger. trial not finished this evening. for the Comwlth Douglas (AUR Genl.) & Krause for deft. Ham. Shicks & Rawn-- Went to Mrs. Espys this Evening and met the P.O. Ladies there. went home with them.-----

24 5 Clear and hard frozen this morning. I took a walk this morning. I was engaged in several trials today in Court--and rem" in office in Evening

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24 5 cont. I wrote to Woodward and Spragg this evening for Copy of "Sat.Courier" for Jacob Baker.

25 6 Clear and Slushy--I took walk this morning before daylight I in company with Wood and H. Alricks defended a man on charge of Robbery. I was the only one who spoke--I recd a Letter this morning from Julia Ann Rawn Dated "Nov 20 1831" I was invited to Peacocks last evening could not attend-----

26 7 Snow. began this morning about 5 oclock. Quit snowing at 8 or 9 oclock. 2 or 2 1/2 inches deep. I was at Peacocks this evening---every slushy this afternoon. I wrote to G.W. Rawn. J. Goodman Esqr. and Mr. Tags of Philadelphia

27 1 Rain and Slush--Dr. McKinney and myself went to MuMicks[?] church this evening with the P.O. Ladies.

28 2 Clear and Cold. Froze quite hard last night.---Mr. Peacock was in the (my) office this afternoon---I remained in the office til bedtime. I wrote to Julia Ann Rawn in answer

to her letter of "Nov 20, 1831" I chose arbitrations with Jacob Fisher, Esqr. this evening in Seinau [?] vs. Wengert.

29 3 Clear and Cold. Frozen hard I rec two letters one from Charles Brown Esq "Phil Nov 27 1831" the other from Julia Ann Rawn "Nov 20th 1831" I was at Shunks and Peacocks this Evening. Saw the Miss Haldeman at Shunk and Jas. Findlay Esqr.

30 4 Clear and Cold. I was at the P.O. this Evening Jas. Findlay Esqr. Dr. McKinney and Henry Buehler were there.

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Dec 1. 5 [Thursday]. Clear and cloudy. Sometimes spitting snow a little. Snow last evening and night 1/2 or 2 inches deep. I wrote to Julia Ann Rawn this evening in answer to her letter of "Nov 26th 1831" I remained in the office this Evening-

2 6 Cloudy and Cool. I wrote to J.D. Pettit Esqr. at West Chester today. I was at Gov. Wolfs this evening and went home with P.O. Ladies

3 7 Cloudy and Cold. Waltens sent me 1/2 a ton of Stone Coal today--Jacob Walters (Black fellow broke and put it away.) I spent this evening in the office. Saml. Shock was here Began to snow at 3 o'clock about

4 1 Snowing. Snow 2 1/2 or 3 inches deep this morning Snowed 'more or less' all day. I heard M. Knox from Carlisle preach at DeWitt's this morning. Was at Baptist Church this evening with P.O. Ladies. Snow perhaps 3 or 4 inches deep at 9 o. cl. and drifting--

5 2 Clear and very cold. Snow Blowed about so as nearly to defeat or prevent sleighing--will do pretty well in town, Applied[?] Praecipe? for Foreyen attachment today Tho. Wallace Gaineshee, Elaim Bliss of New York Plaintiff and Solomon Schoyer defendant, I remained in the office this evening

6 3 Clear and Cold. Dr. McKinney and myself took a sleigh ride round town yesterday. Orphans Court today--by Judges Hammond and McKinney- Capt. Bloomfield was in the office today I was at Mr Peacock's before and after tea, Saw Misses Gibson, Hoyt. Kennedy Parker, and Miss Briggs there. also Drs. Meyers & McKinney. Mr. S. Shock, Esqr Jas. Findley Esqr. and Mr Moore (of Carlisle)

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7 4 Cloudy and spitting snow at times. I was at the Capital this morning in Company with Ladies yesterday named from Carlisle and Some of the Harrisburg Ladies The Governor's message was being redd in Both Houses. I wrote to Messrs. Woodward & Spragg of Saturday Courier for paper for Geo. Ogelsby I was at Peacocks and at Shunks this evening. Misses Gibson and Kennedy were at Peacock's. I left P's before 9 oclock to give the ladies an opportunity of unrestrainedly enjoying their own talk, which there seemed good reason to presume was not calculated for the ears of gentlemen-----

8 5 Cloudy and looks like snow. The River became Frozen over on Tuesday night last, I was attending all day today before the Board of Property where Tho. Sergeant, J & E. Ingersole, Rawle and Cadwallader were engaged in arguing a matter between Hare Powel [?] and Michael Freytag---In the evening Shock and myself accompanied the Ladies from Peacocks to Simon Camerons-----

9 6 Cloudy and warmer. I was at the Board of Property Room til 11 1/2 A.M. this morning when Tho. Sergeant finished his argument of yesterday. I was at Peacocks this evening and at the P.O. and Dr. A.[?] Deans, with M.L. Clendenin and E. Peacock.

10 7 Clear and Warmer. Mr. Peacock was in the office this morning and placed in my hands another claim against Solomon Schoyer, by John C. Johnson of the Firm of "Johnson "and Callen" Newark in New Jersey" Letter to Peacock and documents from J. L. Carpentier Esqr. City

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10 7 Cont. --of City New York, attn. for "Messrs Wm Goldey & Co" of that place. I wrote this evening to J.L. Carpentier Esqr. named above took a walk this evening up to 2 mile Tav. was at Peacocks and Shunks this evening.

11 1 Clear and Cold. I was at Church at DeWitt's this morning walked home with M.S.C. and E. Peacock took a walk this evening up to 2 miles Tavern and spent evening at Peacocks----

12 2 Clear and Cold. I bought Pair of fur Gloves this morning at Geo A. Seinaus I took a ride on horseback this evening.

13 3 Clear and Cold. Argument Orphan Court today. Rced a letter from G.W. Rawn Phila. this evening and wrote to him immediately in reply by Mr. Campbell. Member from City- who goes to Phila in morning and by whom I sent \$7.00 to Geo W. Rawn to pay for Fur for my Big Coat that is for my "Bangup" Also wrote to Charles Brown of Phila. same time by mail, wrote Deed From Cap Bloomfield to Tho. King



14 4 Clear Went to the Capitol this morning with Dr. Bullock . Called at Shunks this evening to see Ex Governor Findlay (treasr. of the U.S.Mint) who came to town today Spent evening at Peacocks--It began to snow this evening at 8 oclock Herman Schicks Esqr. of "Harrisburg Bar." was married yesterday and came to town today with his wife who was a Miss Carr I red. this evening the first number sent to me of the "Pennsylvanian" Date "Sat" Dec. 10th 1831. vol. 1. no 19" published in Phila. I subscribed for six months

15 5 Clear and not so cold as heretofore Snow very light and perhaps 3 inches deep this morning--was Sleighting through town this evening with Dr. McKinney. Misses F.P.Clendenen and E. Peacock. Spent the remainder of Evening at Peacocks with S. Shock, Esqr.

16 6 Cloudy and appearance of snow Very cold. John Cox died this morning I was at Peacocks this evening JW. Findlay and Dunlap Esqr. and AB Hamilton there---

17 7 Clear very cold and windy in morning. Col J. Robertsson [? or Roberts Pict] AB Hamilton and myself went to J. Cox' Funeral in a carriage today at 1 oclock P.M. Excessively cold and windy.

18 1 Clear and exceedingly cold - I was at the Baptist Church this evening and at P.O. went home from church with Miss M.Fahnestock

19 2 Cloudy --warmer, Snow I rec. a letter this morning from Geo C. Ball, Esqr. Dated "Greenwich Dec. 9th 1831" I wrote to GW Rawn Phila. John Jones Executor of V. Kirgan came to my office today and engaged me in business

20 3 Clear and more moderate--Major Forster bought the house in which he lives last night at G [or J?] Mulls for \$3375. I wrote Conditions for the Sale of V Kirgan's property for John Jones Ex2, I was at Bon a Ton's dancing room this evening and at Peacocks----

21 4 Clear and much milder. I wrote to Mrs Rebecca Gemmel per Tho. Jones Rec. from Jones for professional Services \$3.00 this afternoon Rcd. a letter from Jacob Rawn Dated "Halifax Dec. 19 1831" informing me of the Death of Uncle Saml Rawn his father on Friday evening last about 9.o.clock of Pleurisy 2 weeks sickness Rec. a letter from GW Rawn Dated "Phila "Dec 20, 1831" I wrote to Tho Jos. Clendenen at New Orleans. Was at Shunks and Peacocks this evening

22 5 Clear and Colder than yesterday--I rec. from Phila. (G.W.R.) per stage Fur from Bangup Coat. I wrote to GW.Rawn this morning. I recd. a Letter this evening from Thom. Jos. Clendenen dated New Orleans "Dec. 7th 1831" I was at Peacocks this evening.

23 6 Clear and Cold. I recd. a Letter this evening from Julia Ann Rawn enclosing to me \$5.00. Letter dated Th. Dec 20th Phla Dec. 22 I was at Herman Alricks Esqr. this evening to take a glass of wine with him after his marriage. Was at Peacocks afterwards-

24 7 Cloudy and snowing. Snow perhaps 1 inch deep in morning Began to thaw soon after Breakfast and was quite mild--I rec. a Letter this evening Dated "New York Dec 19th 1831" from J. L Carpentier, Esqr. Atty at Law I was invited this evening to attend a drinking and Reconciliation Between ABHamilton and Mr. Leslie at A O Hiestirs could not attend-----

25 1 Cloudy and moderate. I was at DeWitt's Church this morning. A O Hiestin (and came in after him Dr. McKinney) was in my office this afternoon. Was at the Reformed Church this evening with the Misses Clendenen. Funeral Sermon of Mrs. Zacharias by Rev. Mr. De Witts

26 2 Cloudy-one inch or more of snow last night. Went to the H.g Bank with Mr. King today, who p d. off Capt.Bloomfields note \$55. I remained in office this evening.

27 3 Cloudy and cold. Prospect some snow. I was at Drill this evening at McGowans O.L. and afterwards at Peacocks Met Miss Meestling and Miss Rebecca Ross, S.Shock, Esqr, ABHamilton at Peacocks It began to snow by 8 oclock this evening--

28 4 Snowing. Fell perhaps 1 1/2 inch last night. fine prospect this morning for good sleighing. Roads never in more elegant condition to receive snow--

I wrote to Woodward & Spragg today For Two Copies of "Saturday Courier for Alexander Hughes & Geo. Marthews and also 1 Copy for James Roberts Elk P.O. I recd. a letter from Mrs. Rebecca Gemmel East Whileland Chester Co. Dec 26 1831 and Wrote to her in Reply today. I was at P.O. this evening before and after tea. Mrs. Fuller, Leslie and Espy and their husbands over after dinner and tea there

29 5 Cloudy and windy. Mr. King(bkeeper) and I went to Carlisle today in a Sleigh and returned in evening. I call to see Mrs.George and Miss Gibson. Was at the Prothonotarys office and Commissioners office---Was Sleighing this evening from Harrisburg to "HalfWay House' Small Sleigh and landau with Dr. McKinney and all the youngsters at Mr. Peacocks. After Return went to Mrs. Espys.

30 6 Clear and cold. I wrote Wunderlich of Carlisle, J.W. Morris Esqr. Pres. U. Canal, Co. at Lebanon, and J.L. Carpentier Esqr. Counsellor at Law New York Dr. McKinney and myself were sleighing this evening in 1 horse sleighs with the Misses Clendenins and Mrs. Leslie, went down to the Halfway house and back by 1/2 past 9 oclock

31 7 Snowing this morning and cold Snowed all day. We Paraded today at 5. P.M. I started to Lebanon in 1 horse sleigh, arrived there 1/2 past 8 P.M. met J.W. Murray, Esqr. Past Union Canal Co. I executed reconveyance to Joseph Nourse of City

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of Washington through J.W. Morris (aforesaid) Staid all night and till after dinner next day at Sereweavers[?] Hotel- Meantime on Sunday visited in forenoon and afternoon at J Weidman's Esqr. Left Lebanon at 2.P.M. arrived in Harrisburg at 5. P.M. Recd. from W.Morris last [crossed out] this evening on Executing the Conveyance \$10. Spent [crossed out that last word!]

January 1st Sunday 1832

1 1 Clear and Cold. good Sleighing It was today at 2 P.M. that I left Lebanon-Spent the evening at Peacocks

2 2 Clear and Cold. Fine sleighing "Military Convention" met in court-House today. I was at a small party this evening at Mrs. Leslies. Sleighing fine

3 3 Cloudy-warmer-wind southerly-some appearance of Rain- I wrote to Julia Ann Rawn acknowledging the Receipt of her letters of Dec. 22nd 3rd and Dec. 21 the former having enclosed therein \$5.00. Ball of Bon a Ton in Masonic Hall this evening. I was not there, remained in office . .

4 4 Clear and Cold. I recd. from-- Mrs. Rebecca Gemmel today per her letter of "Jan. 2 1832" FEE \$10. Also from Jacob Duck, Fee\$10 in office. and he is to pay me TEN besides, also she I was at Peacocks this evening Mr. Brinn from Lancaster was there.

5 5 Cloudy and warmer. Went in company with Several Ladies and Gentlemen this morning to the Masonic Hall to see "Siamese Twins" I took Mary Briggs & F.P.Clendenen. Called for Ladies at Mrs. Leslies to see Mis Merrill was sleighing in afternoon in company

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with Mr. Brinn from Lancaster the Misses Clendenins and E. Peacock, and in the evening at a Small party at Shunks. I wrote to Jas. Craft Esqr. Pittsburg to attend to taking of Deposition in Prot. office in Said City on 12inst. in Elaim Bliss vz Solomon Schoyer.

6 6 Rain, in afternoon- I rode out to Himmelrich Corner this afternoon with Writ was at Party at Peacocks this evening. Ashbridge, Son & Daughters from Chester County were there,

7 7 Clear and warmer. Commenced Suit against Adam & John Row today- was at Peacocks this evening.

8 1 Rain and Sleetng. I was at Peacocks this afternoon Rained very heavy this evening Mr. Musgrave State Librarian was Buried today-

9 2 Cloudy. I attended Celebration of "Battle of Orleans" today at Ebbermans was Secretary and had all the toasts Mr. Pool was Prest and Maj. Joel Bailey one of Vice

Presidents & Geo. Nagle was the other Secretary--Dinner \$1--- was in the evening at Judge Fahnestock---8th JanCon" Jackson then had supper --- evening at Wallace's. . .  
Saw Mrs. Wykoff there-

10 3 Clear and Frozen. . Recd. a Letter from J Weidman Lebanon, Dated " Jan 7th 1832." I wrote to Woodward and Spragg for Sat. Cour. for Stewart To. Israel Carpenter Esqr. Halifax To Jacob Bollinger Esqr. Manheim & to John A. Weidman Lebanon was at the Capitol today in Company with some 16 or 17 Ladies- was at Shunks and Peacocks short time this evening.

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11 4

Clear and Colder. I recd. "guard" and note from Miss F.P.C. and one from M.S.C. today. Was at a party at Governors this evening.

12 5 Clear and Cold. I was at a party this evening at Mis Berryhill took Nancy and Lil" to Capitol in evening left them with their Uncle James Findlay.

13 6 Clear and Cold. I had an Arbitration today at Mr Wallace's Seinau V. Wengert-I gained an award. I was at a large Party tonight at Esqr. Alricks. Dancing Party, first this Season in town-----

14 7 Clear and Pleasant- Paid Mr. Landis \$10. Borrowed from him Dec. 21 1831. in full I was at a little Party this evening at Buehlers-

15 1 Clear and Beautiful- was at DeWitts Church in morning at Alricks in Evening--I recd. a Letter from Julia Ann Rawn enclosing to me \$30- Dated "Thornbury "January

12, 1832" In this letter is mentioned the Burials a short time previous of Robt. Pennells and Wm. Speakmans wives-

16 2 Clear and Beautiful. Court Regular Term Commences today. Recd. Sat. Evg. 11th inst from Elaim Bliss City New York . Letter Dated Jan. 11th 1832 and affadavit Paid Thos. Wallace on acct. Board \$10. present a Tall gentleman by name I was a short time this evening at Shunk & Peacocks

17 3 Clear and Beautiful ---- Rcd. Letter from John A. Weidman Dated Lebanon Jan. 16 1832. Cotillion Party this evening in Masonic Hall

cont: by "Bon a Ton" which I with Several gentlemen of the place did not attend on acct. of some good objections. Bought pair Gloves & Pair Pumps for the occasion

18 4 Cloudy & Foggy- I spent this evening in the office-

19 5 Clear and Fine. Large Party this evening at Shunks I Was at it--Took Testimony on part Commonwealth with today in the Case of R v K Mrs. Bawdy House, rec. Fee from Mr. Sauman[?] Cumberland Co. (---- masters) Wrote Geo W. Rawn- by Danl Wegand Esqr.

20 6 Cloudy- went in to Mrs. Camerons this morning at the call of Misses Clendenens and Peacock. To Read Letter from Tho. J. Clendenen New Orleans .I wrote to Elaim Bliss New York Sending Commission- Also to Julia Ann Rawn acknowledging the Receipt of her Letter dated Jan 12, 1832 enclosing the \$30 I recd. a Letter from J.L. Carpentier Esqr. New York "dated Jan. 15, 1832" and Wrote to him Same Evening in Reply. I was at Peacocks short time this evening. Saw McCullogh & H Findlay Esqr. there

21 7 Cloudy Snow on the ground perhaps 2 inches deep. Fell last evening & night. I recd a letter from Shelmerdine "Phila. Jan. 20th 1832 Was at Peacocks short time this evening with Dr. McKinny. Ladies were at Mrs. Espy's we did not go there--

22 1 Clear and pleasant-I was at DeWitt's Church this morning and Zaccharias in the evening when DeWitt also preached got a New Black waiscoat from

22 January 1 1832

Kemble's the Taylor this morning.

23 2 Clear and Beautiful hard frozen Philip Newbeke and Son of Uncle Saml. in office this morning Newbeker brought to me as present from his wife an Uncommonly large Apple I was at Peacocks short time this evening. Jas. Findlay & M Lombart there.

24 3 Clear and pleasant- I took short walk this morning. I invited to Mr. Welsh's party this evening the young gentlemen of Harrisburg. Rain and Snow in afternoon & evening. I went Round in Carriage and Brought in the ladies to Mr. Welsh's party. Dancing and broke up at 12 oclock.

25 4 Cloudy, Snow and Cold hard Frozen-I was at Nagle in relation to 22 Feb. Ball this eveng. From Nagles to Masonic Hall, then Dancing and Boxing and from there to Peacocks-Mis Judge Gibson at Peacocks

26 5 Clear and Very Cold-- I was at a large Party this Evening at Governor Wolfs Jas. Buchanan Min. To Russia was there. Coldest day and last night supposed that there has been this winter either Friday or that day break the River sun [?] at this place Broke up as will be found by reference to "Harrisburg Chronicle" of that date.



27 6 Clear and exceedingly Cold. I was in at Peacocks this morning after Breakfast, also at Shunks and brought Caspar to Court House. I was visiting this morning in Company with the Mis Haldermans and Miss Burnside. Was at Peacocks in the evening where there was a Small party

[One page here of accounts from 1829-30-31, crossed out, which will not be transcribed here]

28 January 7 1832--

28 7 Clear and very Cold. Parade today of "Harrisburg Greys" "Blues" & "Governors Guards" Full parade of last named company. S. Shock Esqr. and myself were at Peacocks this evening Began to snow this evening-

29 1 Snow. Ice Stopped again in the River today about noon Heard a Stranger preach at DeWitts this morning. Recd. last evening a Letter from Mr. Sage "Phila Jan." 25th 1832" on thursday one from J. Libhart date Marietta "Jan. 24 1832" was at the Episcopal Church in afternoon and DeWitts in the evening... Snowed more or less all day-

30 2 Sleety. fine Rain or Mist. Snow at least 12 inches deep this morning- crust on it. Tho. A Weidman came to town this evening and was at my office--He and I were at Mr. Peacocks. Mr. Brent from Va. arrived in Harrisburg this eveng. and came to Peacocks about 10 oclock P.M. First meeting of he and Tho Weidman. I recd. Letter last evening from Tho Joseph Clendenin dated "New Orleans Jan. 12th 1832"

31 3 Cloudy and some snow. I petitioned to Orphans Court this morning for Guardian for Charles Veiel from Germany. Court appted. Christian Hachnlen (Baker) of Harrisburg. I was in at Peacocks short time this morning. Brent and Thom Weidman there, I walked to door at Alricks with Misses Gibson M.L. Clendenin Large Cotillion party at Masonic Hall tonight. I was not there. Recd. Letter from Elaim Bliss "New York Jan. 20th 1832" enclosing \$5. and accompanied by depositions of Goldy & Aldrich, taken before Com. er Meredith 27 inst

Feb. 1 4 Clear and pleasant. Fine Sleighing Recd. Letter per Dr. L. Anderson from Joseph Gibbons, Dated "Springfield January 28th 1832" in relation to removal of Seat of Justice. Tho. A. Weidman dined with me today at Wallace's. "Party "Sleighing" to "Hogues Town" this evening I did not go. Dr. McKinney and myself were after 8 P.M. at Nagles & Davis' Ogston House--

2 5 Clear and Beautiful. Snow melting very fast. Had a verbal invitation at my office this morning to dine at Mr. Peacocks today Sent him a letter declining. Sent by Moyer, attendant in Court. Walked to first Tavern/2 miles up the River /and back before Breakfast this morning. Argued Foreign att. in Court this eveng. against Harris--his Rule discharged. Was at Peacocks this evening. Dr. Kennedy there Ramsey, Brent, Findlay, McCullough, Ringgold & Weidman there--

3 6 Clear and Snow melting very fast. Recd. and answered a letter from J.P Clendenin this morning--walked up River 2 miles & Back before Breakfast this morning- I was on a most pleasant Sleighing party this evening to Mr Fox's Hummelstown Brent, McKinney myself- with Misses E. Peacock, Elliott and F.P. Clendenin in "A Horse Sleigh," my Expenses Sleigh Hire \$3.00 Bill at Mr. Fox including \$3.00 to Major Geo Kelly Fiddler- each \$2.46 ret. to town about 2 oclock in morning

4 7 Cloudy and thawing very fast. River opened again yesterday or day before --- tis now about 12 ft below low water mark Recd. Two Letters one from Julia Ann Rawn Dated "Thornbury Jan 31. 1832" the other from Philip Newbeker Dated "Halifax Feb 2nd 1832" requesting my opinion

Feb 4th 1832 Saturday

4 7 Cont. -upon a Law Point, made motion and obtained order in Court today open Trunks & attached. I was at Shunks and Peacocks this evening. Saw M. Alrich, Findlay, and Ex. Gov Findlay there

5 1 Clear and Cooler. I recd. last evening 2 letter [these last six words crossed out] I was up at the Capitol to See Franklin Esqr. this afternoon. While there I wrote to Tho A. Weidman at Lebanon- was at Miles' (Baptist) Church this evening

6 2 Clear and Cold. took walk about the Toll Gate this morning after breakfast got \$20 check by A. O Hiester Dated Jan. 21 inst discounted this money at Harrisburg Bank Wrote to Philip Newbeker at Halifax in answer to his letter of Feb. 2nd asking my opinion on Law Point. Trial of Judge Ross commenced this afternoon- I was at Capitol as a spectator<sup>33</sup> was at Shunks & Peacocks in evening. Some snow this afternoon

7 3 Clear and Softer I walked after Breakfast this morning near to Mr Cox's up the river and Back again--was at the Capitol this afternoon with Mr. Brent. til 4 oclock at Trial Judge Ross. Jas Bunside Esqr. Secretary not counsel for the Judge, at 4 oclock I called on M.L. Clendenin and we went to Genl. Shanglens McCormack's Esqr. & Baintz

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<sup>33</sup> Notice of Judge Ross's trial appeared in the February 8, 1832 edition of the *Pennsylvania Telegraph*.

I spent evening at Peacocks was at drill this evening in Court House & we paraded down Stairs in Same -----

8 4 Rain and Sleet. Walked up River this morning and Back 2 miles Rec. Letter J.A. Weidman, Lebanon. Feb 7 1832 I wrote to Elaim Biss New York in reply to his letter Jan 28th Enclosing \$5. also to J.L. Carpentier Esqr. of Same place in answer to his letter of Jan 15th ultimo[?] was at Capitol this afternoon. Spectatoross!

Mr. Brent and myself were at A. O.Hiesters this evening from 8 til 9 then at Peacocks till 10.

9 5 Rain & Sleet continuing I wrote to Mrs. Rebecca Gemmel Ches. Co. acknowledging Receipt of \$10. FEE in her letter to me of "Jan 2nd 1832" and counselling upon subject of Suit against Dauphin Co. I was at Capitol short time this evening in afternoon. Large Party at Mr. Peacocks I was present. Broke up between 1 & 2 oclock

10 6 Clear Colder and very icy. Boys Skating in Streets, in all directions Walked near to Whitehill's this morning was at Capitol this afternoon--J.K. Findlay in my office today-- was at Shunks this eveng. with P.O. Ladies--had some dancing--AW Findlay played violin-

11 7 Clear and pleasant- was at Capitol this afternoon and at Mr. Peacocks this evening

12 1 Cloudy and damp & Foggy. I was at DeWitt's Church this morning in company with F.P. Clendenin. Spent part of the afternoon and took tea at Mr Peacocks spent evening there- Juggler or Musician for Juggler shot himself about 9 oclock this evening in Masonic Hall.

13 2 Clear and Cold--I was at Masonic Hall this morning to see fellow that had Shot himself. he was in coffin and about taking him to PoorHouse I remained in office this evening.

14 3 Cloudy and Soft. Argued in "argument Court" today a matter of Costs Decided against Me. after to [?]"--"Suit Docket" I was at the Capitol this afternoon. Judges Ross and Youngs trial both progressing--I was at Peacocks in the evening. Mrs. Judge Gibson was there . Findlay of West[?Ege], Smith Brent, Brien there

15 4 Cloudy, Foggy and very damp--Mr. Sprigman is Labelling with my name my Law Books today. I was at Capitol this morning in company with Ladies- Heard Chief Justice Gibson give testimony in the afternoon upon Judge Ross' trial Was at a large party in evening at Mrs. Halderman's Jas Burnside Major domo

16 5 Cloudy and Frozen. Spitting snow some, Met members of Commitees in L. & H of R. at 3 oclock P.M. today in relation to 22nd Feb. Was at a very large party this Evening at Mrs. Leslie's Broke up about 1 1/2 oclock

17 6 Cloudy and quite cold--I and Mr. Brien (Lancaster) dined today with Mr. Robt Brent (from Maryland) at Mr. Buehlers, In the afternoon we went to Peacocks- I met the manager for 22nd February this evening VanSants Room at Wilsons--Afterwards called at Peacocks and spent the evening. called at Judge Fahnestocks this evening to transact some business with H.C. Fahnestock for Phila Paid him \$20. recd. from Hiester, for Burnside's Beaver Hat.

18 7 Cloudy and damp. Some rain --- R. Brent and myself dined with Mr. Brien from Lancaster today --- Wilson Hotel-- At 1/2 past 3 went-- to Billiard Room, Masonic Hall I took Tea with Brent and spent the evening in his Room til 1 o'clock . He and Elizth Peacock last night dissolved the engagement that had subsisted between them. He left Harrisburg for the South at 2 o'clock tonight----

19 1 Clear and Cloudy Moderate I was at DeWitt's Church this morning with F.P.Cledenin, Burnt my Boot last night. Recd. from

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19 1 Cont.- from Mr. Robert Brent of Maryland a copy of the Poetical Works of Walter Scott to be presented to F.P.C. under certain circumstances. I spent this afternoon and evening at Shunks & Peacocks--

20 2 Rain very muddy Myers Pierce called on me this morning at my Boarding--he is from Maryland went to the Lee of the Comwlth office and other places with him --I wrote to Julia Ann Rawn in answer to her letter of "Jan 31 1832" I wrote to Thom A. Weidman this evening spent this evening at Buehlers with Myers Pierce.

21 3 Clear and Cold--snowed 2 or 3 inches yesterday--Frozen hard this morning- Recd. from Mrs. Veiel German Widow FEE\$5.00 Was visiting this morning with Misses Clendenin & Gibson & Peacock. Was at Peacock's this evening. Presented Frances with Reticule-

22 4 [February] Clear and pleasant- Bad walking towards noon. Target Firing by "H.Greys" at 9 A.M. and medal taken by Patrick Brady. Procession of Military-Clergy Heads Dep. Members we formed at Capitol at 11 A.M. and marched to German Reformed Church. Farewell of Washington Read by Mr. Wallace of H.R. marched back

to Capitol and dismissed-- Trial and Court of appeal in afternoon of which I was  
Chairman--Splendid Ball in the evening at Matthew Wilson's which Broke up 1/2 past 2  
oclock <sup>34</sup>---

23 5 Clear and Soft. I was at Peacocks this morning and evening. A O Hiester and Jas  
Goodman Esqr. fought at Wilsons this evening Several other disputes originating at the  
Ball.

24 6 Clear and very Cold. Also Masonic Convention adjourned last night sine die, was  
at Glass Blowers this morning in company with ladies, Miss Gibson and M.L Clendenin  
left town for Carlisle at 3 oclock this afternoon. Mr. Brien and myself spent afternoon  
chiefly at Peacocks I took walk before tea and was at Peacocks after tea came away at  
10 and left Brien there-----

25 7 Cloudy Cold and Rain which freezes as it falls-I wrote to Tho W. Clendenin at  
New Orleans this evening Redc. Letter form Mr. Tage. Phila. spent the evening at  
Peacocks

26 1 Clear and pleasant--I was at DeWitts Church in morning and Episcopal in  
afternoon. Mr. Stern from Chester Co. preached in the latter- I spent evening at Peacocks-  
I wrote this afternoon to Robert Brent, student at law "Winchester Virginia".

27 2 Clear and pleasant- Mr. Wood and Philip Newbeker from Halifax were at my  
office today- Mr. Wood having brought apples to me from his little Granddaughter Ann  
Wood, daughter of Hannah Rhawn I was at Peacocks this evening.

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<sup>34</sup> As noted in the entry for February 22, 1832, Rawn was involved in both the military parade and the ball  
in celebration of Washington's birthday.

28 3 Cloudy. Some Rain and very muddy. Circuit Court by Judge Huston, commenced yesterday-- I recd. Letter from Julia Ann Rawn dated "February 24 1832 Thornbury" I was at Peacocks this evening-- Filed Capias against Musser Ref to--

29 4 Clear and pleasant-- I was at Esqr. Brooks this morning for Fought in Ducks'[?can't make sense of this!] Sent against him I was at Mrs. Leslies this evening --- 2 Miss Belloes, 2 Miss Fishers, Miss Fahnestock Miss Peacock and F.P. Clendenin , Miss Merrill were there. Dr. Brisban Vansant--Haninger, Findlay (of West.) and myself were there. I walked this evening with Fuller Esqr. (Member H.R.) and afterwards to Mrs. Whitehills or nearly there by self--

March-

1 5 clear and pleasant-- I was walking this morning before breakfast and fell in company with Dr. Agnew--was also walking in evening. Was at Peacocks in the evening. Saville, Findlay, Smith (Phila) McCullough were there

2 6 Clear and pleasant- Riding party of 3 or 4 Gigs went up the River today when Elizabeth Peacock and Mr. Smith of Philad. were upset by Vansant of Phila trying to pass him. Smith was considerably injured--I was at Peacocks this evening-

3 7 Clear and Beautiful. Mr. Henry Woods (Client) was at my office today I wrote letter to Misses M.L. Clendenin and Margaretta Gibson at Carlisle. Attended meeting of the Officers of the Several Volunteer Companies this evening at Nagles.

4 1 Clear in morning. Rain in afternoon Was at DeWitt's in morning. Heard Rev. Mr. Thorn at Episcopal in afternoon



5 2 Rain - Circuit Court Set up stairs in Court House today and "Convention" sets below--No Court in afternoon. I was at Peacock's this evening.

6 3 Clear and Pleasant. I was at "5th March Convention Ball" this evening at the Masonic Hall with F.P.Clendenin

7 4 Clear and Colder. "Convention -----" adjourned "Sine die" this morning at 11 o'clock Was at Masonic Hall this evening to hear Nicholas, ventriloquist in company with Miss F.P. Clendenin.

8 5 Clear and Cold. Recd. two letters this morning one from Tho. A.Weidman dated "Lebanon Mar 7 1832" the other from Mrs. R. Gemmel, dated "Eastwhileland and Ches. Co. Mar 5th 1832" Yesterday Recd. from Tho. M. Linnards Esqr. of Phila. for Collection Hildebran & Abbots draft on Tho. Snively "accepted" for \$690.09 and at same time gave him receipt for Land papers & protest, Saml Shock Esqr. and myself went on horseback to Judge Greens this afternoon-- Went this Evening with F.P.Clendenin & Mary Briggs to large party at Genl. Spraylens

9 6 Clear and Beautiful. I was in bed till 9 o'clock this morning- Judge Houston was obliged in consequence of the gout to discharge the jury day before yesterday and to hold argument Court at Buehler's this morning. I called this morning with Miss F.P. Clendenin to see the Misses Barnitz and afterward we went walking--Saml. Shock Esqr and myself were at Peacocks this evening.

10 7 Clear and pleasant. Filio Rule R. Gemmel & J. Seiler to choose Arbitration on 26th Rode on Mr. Ringlands horse this afternoon in company with Duncan, Berghouse,

H Buehler Dr. McKinney up as far as McAllisters was at Peacocks in the evening. H. Van Aminge [?] was there

11 1 Cloudy & Rain I was at DeWitts Church in the morning and Miles in the evening in Company with F.P. Clendenin

12 2 Clear and pleasant in morning very Heavy Thunder gust in afternoon between 4 & 5 oclock Recd. Letter from R.d Brent Dated "Winchester Virga. March 9th - 1832" I was at Peacock's this evening F.P.Clendenin and myself went into Shunks.

13 3 Clear and Cooler, windy and river 10 feet above LowWater. Heard a Robin whistling for the first this Season on Saturday last when riding up by McHisters and heard the Frogs about the Same time I wrote and handed to A.B Hamilton this morning communication upon Council Business I wrote to G. W. Rawn for Military Trimmings and for postage Meeting in Court House this evening to form "Lyceum" Judge Bliss Chm. Tho Roberts Lee. [ink very smudged here...] I was at Peacocks this evening.

14 4 Clear and very Cold Some snow last night and ground Frozen very hard this morning--Adjourned Court Com. Pleas & Orphans Court today. Presented petition of the Mayhew Insolvent debtor--I was at Peacocks this evening--Shock -- Snyder Findlay, Watts, there

15 5 Clear and Cold--I was at Alwards and Harris' this afternoon with F.P. Clendenin. Was at Peacock's in evening

16 6 Clear and Cool but pleasant--I stood for my Likeness by Mr. Brown this morning at Buehlers [a portrait painted?]. Jacob Gemmel called on me this morning. I will take his deposition this evening at 6 o'clock as he is going to the West in morning-- Election for Burgess Council & today I was at Peacock's this evening and at the room where "the Band" was practicing

17 7 Cloudy I was at Shunks this afternoon & at Peacocks and at Peacocks this evening Borrowed "Bride of Lammermoor" from Shunks Library at same time took home "The Pirate"

18 1 Clear and very Cold--Yesterday and today have been almost as cold as any time this winter--River past week has been very high--one day it was 13 Feet above low water mark. I was at Rev. Mr. Miles Church this evening with F.P. Clendenin

19 2 Clear and Cold. More moderate than 2 preceding days. I attended for Natl. Henrie [?] at Henry's today before Arbitrations adjourned to meet same place at 9 A.M. tomorrow I was riding few miles before dinner and short distance in afternoon this last on Dr. Berghouse Horse--Dr. Bullock came to my office this afternoon. He and myself were at Alricks' in the evening--he and his niece left town for Bellefonte at 9 P.M. in Stage--I went after to Rev Mr. Miles Borrowed \$10 of Esqr. Agnes of which he owes me \$1.50- Paid Mr. Wilson amount of Bill for military Trimmings purchased by Geo. W. Rawn for me in Philadelphia \$7.50

20 3 Clear and Pleasant was engaged on Arbitration today Mr. Cormick offering -took a ride 3 miles up the River 1 hour on Horse I was at Peacocks this evening. Henries and Miss Jane and Eliza Cameron Shock Esqr. came there---

21 4 Clear and Windy- spent day in office and read "Bride Lammermoor---" til Bedtime-

22 5 Clear and Cold- Borrowed of Chas Carson to pay on demand---\$20. "Squared with Esqr. Agnes this morning for money Lent to and Borrowed from him. I wrote to Mrs. R. Gemmel enclosing Rule to take depositions took short ride before dinner on Purviances horse--- Misses Peacock and M. L. Clendenin came from Carlisle today I was at Peacocks in evening McCullough, Findlay, Spencer, H. Alricks, Miss Walstling [?] Miss L. Ross and Miss Hartley there

23 6 Clear and Pleasant. Was riding on Horseback this afternoon in Comp. with Genl.Piper I rode Mr. Purviance's horse Mr. H R. from Butler County I took Tho M. Forstens sash home this evening at set half an hour [?] Saw Shock, Goodman, Findlay at Peacocks

24 7 Clear and Beautiful I recd. new uniform Coat this morning made by L. H. Randall Three companies of Gov Guards" "Penna Guards" & "Harrisburg Greys" paraded today fired at Target and Elected Geo Gallagher major I was Judge of Election for "Harrisburg Greys" Gallagher had 57 votes. Walter L. Franklen had 42 votes--I was at Lyceum meeting this evening in Court House and Drank Beer at Chesters with St. Suth, and was afterwards at Peacocks where was Findlay, Vasant, Peacock.

25 1 Cloudy- I was at Lochmans Church this evening in company with the two Miss Clendenins and Jas Findlay Esqr and spent Eveng at Peacocks.

26 2 Rain. Warm Was at Shunks' this morning with Hamilton Alrichs Wrote to Woodward & Spragg for S. Courier for Lewis Williams, Wrote to Julia Ann Rawn in

answer to her letter of February 24th, Made return, to Capt Roberts today of Capp & Hamilton fined by Court of appeal on 24th inst. I was at Peacocks this evening. Rcd.  
 Letter "March 23rd 1832 Chester County, Mrs. Rebecca Gemmel"

27 3 Clear and Colder. I walked over the Harrisburg Bridge including the island this evening in 7 minutes til about 3/4 mile. I met the officers of "Washington "Battalion" this evening at Alters. ----- cont. in another Book of same kind

[Last two pages of journal have the following comments]

Construction. A thing which is even within the letter of Statutes of a Stat. is not within the Stat. incip[?] of B.H. 385 it be within the intention of the makers.

Saturday Courier" of July 2nd 1831 Says "The Court of Kings Bench has recently after Solemn argument determined that one foreigner may arrest another in England for a Debt which accrued in Portugal while Both resided there though the Portuguese law does not allow of arrest for Debt.

[On last page is written]

A continuation of this memoranda may be found in a Book of Similar Size adorned on the Binding thus "Harrisburg March 27th 1832"

### **Material Preceding the Journal's Daily Text**

Page one on the right looks like the beginnings of an account book. In brown ink in elegant cursive writing, Rawn wrote:

New Account With Mrs.Kevzens [spelling of name is difficult to read; also spelled Cuvzons]

My Washerwoman commenced on the 11th of May A D 1831 Rawn

		Price	
May 11	5 Pieces	5	Nov 21. Monday 1831
	18 [crossed out)		Josiah (waiter) began to make fire
	18 3 pieces 5 collars	4	in my office-----
	25 9 -	9	
June 1	5 -	5	
	8 14	14	
Sep.	7		
_____Begin Again _____			
	7th Six pieces	6	
	14 Seven - Do.[?]	7	

On the next page he wrote his name in 1/2 inch letters, a signature with a flourish:

*C. C. Rawn*

*Harrisburg*

*Sep 5. 1831*

On the next right-hand page, he began fifty pages of legal notes, a kind of ready-reference section, detailing nineteen crimes, their definitions, and citing references to English law and to the U.S. Constitution. He also quoted statutes, and listed punishments. Occasionally he gave examples of a case and its outcome. His calligraphy for each heading was distinctive and varied (each new topic was lettered in a different script). My interests were in examining the main body of the journal; a legal scholar, however would

find his list of particular interest for insight on the reference material of a young lawyer of the 1830s.

The legal definitions are followed by two more pages of accounts, and the body of his second journal, which began on August 27, 1831:

### Accounts

Capt John Bloomfield

1831 On acct with C.C.Rawn

May To Postage on a letter this day written by me to J Nourse in Washington on his  
business 12 ½

19th To Postage on Return letter from Nourse on same 12 1/2

23rd To Postage on a Letter to Benjamin Smith Esqr. of Washington upon business  
12 ½

To Postage and Pennypost on a Return letter from Benjn Smith Esqr. 14 1/2

June 7th To Postage on a Letter this day to John Nourse as above upon Capt " business  
12 1/2

To Search with him in the Land Office-- 2.50

Oct " 17 To cash paid in Land Office for him for 2 Searches .50  
one down stairs the other up--

[In left-hand margin next to the above entry, he wrote he was present]

Capt. John Bloomfield Dr. to C.C. Rawn. Acct. Continued.

Oct 17 To my Services making Searches in Land office 2.50

21st To payment made to James Alricks Esqr. by me for Captain Bloomfield's  
acknowledgement of Power of Attorney to me 12 1/2

22nd. To cash paid by me to R. Pool Register and Recorder of Dauphin Co.y for Recording power of Attorney from Margaret Spard [?] of Phil." to Capt.n. John Bloomfield 1.62

Oct: 26th. REC (d on the above acct.-. the amt. of all excepting my charge for Services. 2.89 1/2

27th I Paid in the Land Office this morning for Bloomfield .25

28 Paid for him this morning for two drafts of surveys of lands in Perry Co.y J.[?] b. Smith 1.00

### **Names Mentioned**

Agnew, Dr. Samuel

Aitkin, James

Alricks, James, Esq. - father of Hamilton and Herman Alricks, also attorneys, who were both friends of Rawn

Alricks, Hamilton, Esqr. - friend, who had law office at Market street near Third (according to the Harrisburg Directory of 1839, page 25); brother Hermann Alricks was later a fellow investor with Rawn in the Harrisburg Savings Institutions , as noted in Gerald G. Eggert's book, *Harrisburg Industrializes; the Coming of Factories to an American Community* (University Park, PA.: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 1993) 32.

Baker, Jacob - for whom he got a *Saturday Courier*

Ball, George C., of Virginia



Berry, O.

Berryhile, William C.

Berryhill, John H. - attorney with office near court house, resident of Prince's Hotel

(Directory, page 25)

Bloomfield, Captain John - frequently mentioned in the journal

Bloomfield, Captain Thomas

Bon a Ton - a "dancing room" there, mentioned on December 20, 1831.

Bollinger, Jacob

Books, Miss

Brent, R. - student of law

Brien, Mr.

Briggs, Miss

Brinn, Mr.

Brinton, Caleb, and two sisters from West Chester, PA.

Brown, Mr. - artist? for whom he "stood for a likeness" - March 16

Brown, Mr., of the Circus

Brown, Charles, of Philadelphia, PA.- with whom he corresponded

Buchanan, James - Minister to Russia at the time of this journal; later the fifteenth president of the US.

Buehler, Mrs. - likely the proprietress of a hotel, "Spread Eagle," which was a social spot for Rawn and his friends. (The Directory lists it under Hotels and Inns of Harrisburg) She was the wife of George Buehler, a merchant who died in 1816, and mother of William Buehler who came to Harrisburg in 1848,

- according to the *History of Dauphin and Lebanon Counties* ; possibly mother  
as well of Henry Buehler.
- Bullock, Dr., from Bellefonte - He and his niece are mentioned.
- Burnside, James O.
- Cameron, Jane and Eliza, daughters (?) of  
Simon Cameron - prominent Harrisburg citizen, and later governor
- Cardon, Mr.
- Carpenter, Israel
- Carpentier, J. L., of New York City
- Carson, Charles
- Chapman, Mrs. Elizabeth – daughter of Joseph Jefferson
- Chritzman, Henry
- Clendenin, Miss Frances P. (also spelled Clendennin) - one of Rawn's close circle of  
friends and the woman who became his wife
- Clendenin, H. - not clear if this is Mrs. Clendenin or Miss
- Clendenin, Miss J. J. - a young woman who married A.J. Jones, who with T.S. Jones,  
was listed as owning a dry goods store on Market, between Second and Third
- Clendenin, John Joseph - left Harrisburg for New Orleans; exchanged letters  
frequently
- Clendenin, Miss Mary Scott
- Cline, Philip - High Constable, for whom he ordered a copy of *Saturday Courier*
- Cox, Miss
- Craft, Jas., Esqr., of Pittsburgh

Cungle, Henry

Cuvzons, Mrs. - woman who did his laundry

Dean, Dr. A. L. - reference on page 11 to Dean's shop to get medicine. "Mrs. Dr. Dean" is also mentioned .

De Witt's Church (Presbyterian) - presided over by the Rev. William R. De Witt; Rawn in frequent attendance

Ellison's - a merchant of Philadelphia

Espey or Espy, Mrs. - (listing in Harrisburg directory for James Espy, No.2 S. Front Street)

Fahnestock, Miss - possibly related to A.K. and F. Fahnestock who run a hardware store near Buehler's Hotel

Findlay, J. K. (either John or James?) - frequent companion of Rawn's; brother of Gov. Wm.Findlay; moved to Lancaster to practice law

Findlay, Thomas K. of Philadelphia

Fisher, A., Esqr.

Friedley, Mrs.

Franklin, Walter, Esq.

Geiger, Mrs. George (any relations to the "Geiger" of the present-day street name?)

Gemmel, Mrs. Rebecca - a client at East Whileland, Chester County, with whom he corresponds

Gibson, Chief Justice and Mys Gibson

Miss Gleim of Pittsburgh

Goodman, J., of Philadelphia

Gortons

Hachnlen, Christian - baker in journal who may have become guardian of a German child. Possibly the same Christian Hehnlen the Directory later lists as a member of the Town Council.

Halderman, Miss - possibly related to Jacob Halderman in the 1839 directory

Hamilton, A. Boyd - close friend of Rawn's and frequently mentioned; printer and editor of *Harrisburg Chronicle*

Hamer, Dr. Jesse

Hanna, Mrs. - who also sat with Shunk's sick child

Hare, David - grocer at Market, between 3rd and 4th

Hiester, A. O. (also spelled Hiestin in the text) - frequently mentioned

Heisely, George J. - listed as a watch maker at the corner of Second and Walnut

Hicks, Miss, of Carlisle

Holderman, Jacob

Hought & Musser - did cabinet work

Hughes, Alexander - for whom he got a *Saturday Courier*

Jefferson, Joseph, and his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Chapman

Johnson, Samuel - boatmaker in Philadelphia

Jones, Mr. A. - merchant who married J.J. Clendenin - owner of dry good store

Jones, Mr. Thomas - from Thornburgh(y)

Kelker, Mr.

Kemble the tailor - likely George S. Kemble, No. 7 South Front Street

Kelso, Charles, Esqr.

King, Thomas - involved in deed transaction

Kirgan, V.

Krause, David, Esqr. - with law office on corner of Market and Third

Leach, Miss

LeBaron, William

Leslie, Mrs. - mentioned frequently as hostess

Libhart, Benjamin, of Marietta and his brother, Jacob

Lockman's - Evangelical Lutheran Church which he attended occasionally; Rev.

Augustus H. Lochman, pastor there (see I. Daniel Rupp, *The History and Topography of Dauphin, Cumberland, Franklin, Bedford, Adams, and Perry Counties* (Lancaster, PA.: Gilbert Hills, Proprietor and Publisher, 1846) 288.

Lombart, M.

Marthews, Geo. - for whom he ordered a *Saturday Courier*

McClure, William, Esqr. - with an office on Market between Third and Fourth; later president of Harrisburg Savings Institution.

McAllister, Captain

McCullough, Miss of Chambersburg

McKinney, Dr. J. - frequently mentioned as a companion, especially for riding

McKinney, Judge - question if this is Mordecai McKinney or same as doctor above

McKinney, Miss - who was to marry Mr. Alexander, the missionary

Merrill, Miss - another of Rawn's social set; along with a Miss Meyers

Morris, J. W. - President - Union Canal Company in Lebanon, to whom he wrote

Murray, Mrs.

Nagle, George - whose name appears frequently; likely owner of the Union Hotel on the southeast corner of Market Square

New Baptist Church - where Mr. Dugg from Philadelphia preached (possibly the First Baptist Mission Church?)

Newbeker, Philip, of Halifax, Virginia, to whom he writes

Newpt & Ellison (Philadelphia) - from whom he ordered pants

Nourse, John, from Washington

Ogelsby, Geo. - for whom he got a *Saturday Courier*

P.O. Ladies, The - aforementioned social circle

Peacocks, The - family with whom Rawn had frequent contact. The father, James Peacock, was Postmaster. Elizabeth Peacock was his daughter. The Mrs. Peacock referred to was probably Mrs. Frances C. Slough Peacock who died in 1837, according to Egle (524-5).

Pettit, J. D., Esqr. of Westchester

Pierce, Myers, from Maryland

Rawn, David W., of Delaware County - his brother

Rawn, George W., of Philadelphia - mentioned often

Rawn, Jacob - son of Uncle Samuel Rawn

Rawn, Julia Ann - Rawn's sister who lived at and wrote often from Thornbury in Delaware County

Resch, Mr. John - Rawn's German teacher, for whom he also conducted some legal business

Rawn, Uncle Samuel - whose death on December 19, 1831 was noted in the text

Roberts, Captain (Edmund, John or Joseph Roberts?)

Roberts, James - for whom he got a *Saturday Courier*

Ross, Miss

Schicks, Herman - whose wife was a Miss Carr

Schoyer, Solomon - a client for whom he did some legal work

Seinaw, George - from whom he got gloves

Shegogg or Shesogg, Mr. - also spelled Shegogs. It is his room that had some paintings that Rawn and his friends went to see.

Shock, Samuel, Esqr (also spelled as Shoch) - a close friend of Rawn's

Shunk Family - already noted Francis R. Shunk with whom Rawn studied law. \*J.R.

Shunk is mentioned as is Mrs Shunk and Isaac Shunk and his daughter Marie from Philadelphia.

Smith, Benjamin, Esqr. of Washington

Spard, Margaret, of Philadelphia

Sprigman, Mr. - who labeled his law books. This could be either Solomon or Henry, both of whom are listed in the 1839 directory as bookbinders.

Sudhis, R. O.

Sübrich, George

Tags, Mr., of Philadelphia

Brisban Vansant, Dr. Brisban

Veiel, Charles - whom Rawn described as a German orphan for whom a guardian is assigned. Later, there is mention of a widow Mrs. Veiel.

Wallace, Mr. - with whom he hunts for pigeons . This may or may not be the Thomas

Wallace from whom he buys a stove and to whom he pays board on January  
16, 1832.

Walker, Colonel Thomas

Weidmans, The - he mentioned F. Weidman, John Weidman of Lebanon often, and  
Thomas Weidman .

Whitehills - landmark near which he walked

Williams, Lewis - for whom he ordered a *Saturday Courier*

Williams, Rudolph - an apothecary?

Wilson, Matthew - who owned Wilson's Hotel on the corner of Third and Market.

Wilson, Elizabeth - possibly of the same family, one of his social set

Wolf, Governor George - at whose home he attended a number of gatherings

Wolfersberger, George - owner of a dry goods store on the corner of Market and Third

Wright, Mrs. R.

Woodward and Spragg - publishers of the *Saturday Courier* in Philadelphia

Wridman, John - from whom he got a letter

Wridman, Thomas - of Princeton to whom he wrote

Wunderlich of Carlisle - to whom he wrote

Wyeth, Francis - bookseller

### **Law Practice Activities**

Search for J. Nourse (via letters) in Land office May 19

Wrote power of attorney for Joseph Jefferson (Phil) Aug. 27



Professional services rendered to Mr. Jefferson	Sept 5
Orphan's Court today	Sept. 12
George C. Ball at office this afternoon	Sept 28
Shunk and Ball at office	Sept 29
Wrote to Mr. Benj. Libhart (Marietta) on business for Mr. John Resch	Oct 5
Was at AB Hamilton office today & filed notices to Comm. for Borough to meet tonight	Oct 10
Wrote 2 Extracts in Mys McCullough's album in James Burnside's office	Oct 10
Mr. Resch to pay me \$3. for my services; agreed in office	Oct. 14
Circus Co. made application to me for advice in relation to court house yard from which they were directed to remove	Oct. 14
Capt. Bloomfield, a client from Phila. came to office this a.m.	Oct. 15
At the Land Office this a.m. with Capt. Bloomfield	Oct. 17
Argument Court today in the Common Pleas	Oct. 17
2 searches for Capt. J. Bloomfield (paid .50)	Oct. 17
Received of Mr. Brown, Proprietor of the Circus Co. \$10 for Professional Service	Oct. 20
Was at Judge McKinney's office this morning	Oct. 25
Received \$20 fr. Capt. Bloomfield for money advanced to him in Land Office & Recording [of deed?] for his	Oct. 26

services

Put name on back of note drawn today in favor of Charles Oct 26  
Carson by Capt. Bloomfield on his order

Was making an examinaion in the Law Office this morning Oct 27  
with Capt. Bloomfield

2 drafts of survey of lands in Perry County Oct. 28

Isaac Shunk of Phil. was in my office this morning Nov. 1

Wrote Julia Ann Rawn; wrote in said letter an agreement Nov. 2  
for Samuel Warner to sign [for his land]

Uncle Saml. Rawn in office this morning & wish my opinion Nov. 2  
in relation to a power of attorney; gave it to him in writing

Isaac Shunk in my office this morning Nov.3

Entered as attorney for Geo. Subrich this afternoon Nov. 8  
as dept. to a Scire Faccias in which Geo. Subrich is  
Plaintiff

Was entered as attorney for Mr. Geo. Seinau on an appeal Nov. 9  
by Danl. Wingert for the Judge of Esq. Holbrook

"Peacepipe" to Tho. Davies Esqr. to Issue Habias ag. Benj Evans Nov.4

Filed warrant of Attorney and Narr. in Geo Nov. 11  
at Lerman [?]

Advertised in Chronicle 2 tracts of land to sell for Capt. Nov. 12  
Bloomfield on 23rd

Letter fr. J.D. Pettit Esq. West Chester upon subject Nov. 14

of a Gig of Mrs. Gemmes taken in Execution as the  
property of her son & sold . Called on Sheriff & Wrote  
Pettit

Wrote to J.D. Pettit Esq. again today Nov. 15

Was engaged this evening to defend Charles Swagger Nov. 22  
on an indictment for an Asslt & Batt. intent to kill Geo  
Gates

Engaged today in Court defending Char. Swagger Nov. 23

Was engaged in sev. trials today in Court & rem. Nov. 24  
in office in Evening

In company with Wood and H. Alricks defended a Nov. 25  
man on charge of robbery

Chose arbitrations with Jacob Fisher, Esqr. this evening Nov. 28  
in Seinau vs. Wengert

Applied Praecipe for Foreyen attachment today. Dec. 5  
Tho. Wallace Gaineshee, Elaim Bliss of N.Y. Plaintiff &  
Solomon Schoyer defended.

Orphans Court today by Judges Hammond & McKinney Dec. 6

Attending all day today before the Board of Property Dec. 8  
where there was matter being argued

Was at Board of Property til 11:30 a.m. Dec. 9

Mr. Peacock placed another claim ag. Solomon Schoyer Dec. 10  
by John C. Johnson

Letters to Peacock and documents from Carpentier	Dec. 10
Wrote to J.L. Carpentier (att. in NY) for "Messrs. Wm. Goldey & Co"	Dec. 10
Wrote to Geo. W. Rawn in reply by Mr. Campbell	Dec. 13
Wrote Charles Brown of Phil/Wrote deed from Capt. Bloomfield to Tho. King	Dec. 13
Argument Orphan Court today	Dec. 13
John Jones, Executor of V. Kirgan, came to office today & engaged me in business	Dec. 19
Wrote conditions for the sale of V. Kirgan's property for John Jones	Dec. 20
Wrote to Mrs. Rebecca Gemmel per Tho. Jones (recd. from Johns for prof. services \$3.00)	Dec. 21
Went to Harrisburg Bank with Mr. King today who pd. off Capt. Bloomfield's note \$55.	Dec. 26
Wrote reply to Mrs. Gemmel	Dec. 28
Was at the Prothonotary's office & Commissioners office	Dec. 29
Wrote 3 letters to lawyers and Canal Co. pres.	Dec. 30
Trip to Lebanon. Executed reconveyance to Joseph Nourse of City of Washington through J.W. Morris Recd. fr. W. Morris this evening on Executing the conveyance \$10.	Dec. 31
Paid \$10 by Jacob Duck for services	Jan. 4

Wrote to Jas Craft Esqr. Pittsburg to attend to taking of Deposition in Prot. office in Elaim Bliss vs. Solomon Schoyer	Jan 5
Commenced suit ag. Adam & John Row today	Jan. 7
Had an Arbitratioin today at Mr. Wallace's Weinau v. Wengert. Gained an award	Jan. 13
Court Regular Term Commences today rec. Sat. Evg 11th inst. fr. Elaim Bliss N.Y. Letter dated Jan. 11 and affadavit	Jan. 16
Took testimony on part Commonwealth in the case of R. v. K Mrs. Bawdy House, rec. fee from Mr. Sauman Cumberland County	Jan. 19
Wrote to Elaim Bliss N.Y. sending Commission & to J.L. Carpentier	Jan. 20
Petitioned to Orphans Court this am for Guardian for Charles Veiel fr. Germany. Court appointed Christian Hachnlen (Baker) of Harrisburg	Jan. 31
Receivd letter from Elaim Bliss NY money and accom- panied by depositions of Goldy & Aldrich, taken before Comissioner Meredith	Jan. 31
Recd. letter per Dr. L. Anderson fr. Joseph Gibbons ["Springfield"] in relation to removal of seat of Justice	Feb. 1
Argued Foreign att. in court this evening against	Feb 2

Harris--his rule discharged

Letter from Philip Newbeker requesting my opinion on Feb. 6  
a Law point, made motion & obtained order in Court  
today

Wrote to Elaim Bliss in reply to his letter Feb. 8

Wrote to Mrs. Rebecca Gemmel , acknowl. money & Feb. 9  
counseling upon subject of suit ag. Dauphin Co.

Argued in "Argument Court" today a matter of costs Feb. 14  
Decided ag. him..

Labelling of his name on law books Feb. 15

Called at Judge Fahnestocks this evening to transact Feb. 17  
some business w/ H.C. Fahnestock for Phila.

Received fr. Mrs. Veiel German widow Fee \$5.00 Feb. 21

Circuit Court by Judge Huston commenced yesterday Feb. 28  
Filed Capias [an arrest warrant] against Musser

Yesterday Recd. from Tho. M. Linnards Esqr March 8  
of Phil for collections Hildebran & Abbots draft on Tho  
Snively "accepted" for \$690.09 & at the same time gave  
him receipt for Land papers & protest

Filio Rule R. Gemmel & J. Seiler to choose arbitration March 10  
on 26th

Adjourned Court Com. Pleas & Orphans Court today March 14  
Presented petition of the Mayhew Insolvent debtor

Jacob Gemmel called on me this morning. I will take his deposition this evening	March 16
Attended for Natl. Henrie at Henry's today before Arbitrations adjourned	March 19
Was engaged on Arbitration today Mr. Cormick offering	March 20
Wrote to Mrs. R. Gemmel enclosing Rule to take depositions	March 22
Made return to Capt. Roberts today of Capp & Hamilton fined by Court of Appeal on 24th inst.	March 26